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Cannabis is seized in raid

Up to 500 cannabis plants worth more than £100,000 were found in a seemingly normal house in a leafy area of Stourbridge.

From the outside, Stapenhill Lodge, with its landscaped lawn and private drive, looks like every other home in Prestwood Drive, Stourton.

But when police raided the property they found a cannabis factory inside containing between 400 and 500 plants, many of them fully grown. There was also specialist hydraulic and ventilation equipment as well as dozens of plant pots and bags of compost.

Staffordshire Police swooped on the house, near Wollaston Lawn Tennis Club acting on a tip-off from the public.

A team of police officers dismantled the equipment and removed all the plants. Sgt Matt Walker of Wombourne Police Station said: "We executed a drugs warrant as a result of information we had gathered from the community."

"We found between 400 and 500 cannabis plants of various different sizes."

"Two men, aged 39 and 31, who we understand are Vietnamese, were arrested and taken into custody."

Vandals drain canal section

Vandals who forced a lock to stay open drained a stretch of Stourbridge canal.

An emergency team from British Waterways was at the 400m stretch of canal, which runs past the Red House Glass Cone, Wordsley, from 7.30am on Monday.

The drained section was between locks 12 and 13, with water at its normal level on either side. Residents raised the alarm after they awoke to find the section empty.

Stones and bricks from the nearby historic Stuart Crystal site, which is next to lock 13, were used to jam the lock open. Workers first had to remove the stones from the bottom of the lock so it could be closed properly before refilling the section of water from another part of the canal.

Workers at the site said it was believed a group of six people had been hanging around the locks with a fibreglass boat.

In February vandals caused £30,000 of damage to a dry dock near Canal Street.

Town aims to fly its own flag

It may not be one of the bigger areas in the West Midlands but the Kingswinford looks set to get its own flag. The Kingswinford School has been working closely with the Kingswinford & District Historical Society, vexillographic artist Philip Tibbetts and campaigner Dave Tyler to launch an official flag for the area.

The idea came about because Mr Tyler, a former student at Penzer Street School, now The Kingswinford School, wanted to promote his roots by flying the flag for Kingswinford and got in touch with Black Country flag campaigner Philip Tibbetts and Sharon Bianco, who is the head of art at The Kingswinford School.

Students were then given a month to research and create their own village flag. Five designs were eventually chosen and the school has launched a vote to decide the winner. Visit <http://remote.kingswinford.dudley.sch.uk/FlagVote/> to vote.

Dudley Zoo will get £1.15m for a major revamp and to reopen famous chairlift



The zoo's old chairlift

A £1.15 million project to revamp Dudley Zoo's iconic wave entrance and bear pit and reopen its chairlift has been announced.

The popular attraction has been awarded funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards renovating four of its historic Tecton buildings.

They date back to 1937 and also include the Safari Shop and one of the kiosks.

The zoo has been awarded initial development funding of more than £123,000 for the three-year project.

Bosses now have up to two years to submit more detailed plans and apply for a full grant of just over £970,000. Work will begin next year, marking the 50th anniversary of the chairlift, which closed in 2000. The Tecton structures

were designed and built between 1935 and 1937 using reinforced concrete, a pioneering system at the time.

Zoo chairman David Sparks OBE said: "These buildings are among the most significant in the history of modern architecture. People just do not realise how much today's world has been shaped by the concepts and techniques pioneered with these buildings in the 1930s."

In 2009, all 12 of the zoo's Modernist structures had received World Monuments Fund status and placed on a watch list alongside Machu Picchu and the Taj Mahal, ensuring a global focus on the world's largest single collection of Tecton buildings.

Zoo chief executive Peter Suddock said: "This is fantastic news."



The bear pit at Dudley Zoo which is to be revamped

Traders reeling as town centre site will be shutting up within the month

SHOCK AS MARKET HALL IS TO CLOSE

A long-running indoor market hall is to close after more than two decades of trading in a Dudley town centre.

Stallholders at Spencers Instore Market in Dudley High Street have been left reeling after they were told the centre will shut on July 23.

Traders received letters last weekend telling them they had three weeks to pack up their stalls. Many of them said the news had come out of the blue while others admitted

they had heard rumours but had been hoping for the best.

It is believed that difficulties with negotiating the new lease for the building has led to the manager's decision to close the market.

Market manager Julia Stone has confirmed it was to close but refused to comment further.

Some stallholders have now put up "closing down sale" signs as they try to sell their stock.

Sally Sharran, aged 54, who has run her clothes stall, Sally's Fashions at the market since it opened in 1990, said the decision to

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close had come as a big shock. "I can't believe it. I've been here since day one," said Mrs Sharran, a mother-of-three from Coseley.

"We are all very good friends on the market and I will miss everyone."

"My customers are upset too. I've known a lot of them for a very long time."

Tony Jones, aged 69, of Halesowen, who runs G & P Jewellery three days a week, said the market's closure was "a sign of the times".

"Most people here will say they are not taking as much money now as they have done in the past," he said. "A lot of markets across the country are closing."

Quiet

"They are just not as popular as they once were. It's a real shame."

Razwan Hussain, who has run phone gadget stall Future Fone Style for two years, said: "I guessed it was coming."

"Everyone has said how quiet the market has been lately. It was going to happen sooner or later."

The 18-year-old from Birmingham said he would look at opening his stall at another market.

There are around 30 stalls in the market selling goods ranging from bread and meat to clothes and electrical items, as well as Brambles Cafe.

Branches of Spencers markets in Stourbridge and at the Merry Hill shopping centre both closed in 2009.

Ashwani Rishi, aged 48, from Wolverhampton, has run his clothes stall at the market hall for three years.

"It was a big shock. I don't know what I am going to do now. I've got nowhere else to go," he said. In May 2005, vandals went on a wrecking spree at Spencers market, causing damage running into thousands of pounds.

Stallholders arrived back at work after the weekend to find windows and tills smashed. The raiders broke the glass door, setting off the alarms.

They then moved around the centre forcing open tills and taking small change.

At Brambles Cafe, thieves damaged two tills and broke the drinks machine. The closure plans for Spencers market comes as Dudley Council works on plans for a £6million revamp of Dudley Market Place.

Canopies

Council bosses drew up three designs for the layout of the stalls, which all included vintage-style canopies to replace the tiled roof over the stalls and the creation of a "market boulevard" pathway through the centre.

A second consultation will be held in the autumn.

Under all the market revamp plans, the statue of legendary Dudley footballer Duncan Edwards would be moved to the other end of the market towards Bottom Church.

The ageing toilet block would also be relocated, to create a view of Dudley Castle.

The 19th century fountain would be refurbished and a new moat created.

The number of permanent stalls would be reduced from the current 74 pitches but Dudley Council, which is behind the scheme, said temporary stalls could be added on busy days.



Spencers Instore Market in Dudley High Street will close this month

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Bosses backing city bid

Business bosses have contacted the leader of Dudley Council to back the borough's bid to become a city.

Dudley is set to battle it out against 25 towns for city status as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

It was announced last year that one new city would be created to mark the Queen's 60 years on the throne. The decision to submit an application was made just a few days before the May 27 deadline by Dudley Council leader Les Jones.

Cabinet members backed the application during a meeting last week.

Council leader Les Jones said: "An opportunity like this comes once in a lifetime, who knows when it may happen again. We have a very proud history as an area. We have a lot to shout about."

"I have had letters of support from significant businessmen in the area and some have offered to write to the Government to show their support. I would actively encourage anyone in the borough to support the bid."

Zumba class

Zumba classes have started at Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure Centre and will be held each Friday from 6.15pm. Entry is £4.40.

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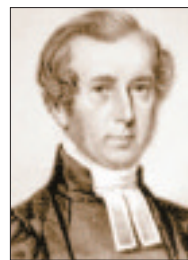
Church is marking 275 years of serving people



Wardens Wendy Hemming and Vicky Waugh



Members of the congregation seen before they took part in a fancy dress cricket match in 1950



The first minister Gifford Wells, from 1833 to 1858



Vicar, Ronald Victor Curtis



A 1961 Town Hall dinner at the first Stewardship Campaign



The church pictured in the 1800s



Some of the ladies involved in the Mothers' Union in the 1960s

It's been at the heart of Stourbridge for 275 years and now members of St Thomas's Church are getting ready to celebrate its anniversary.

There have been hundreds of weddings and baptisms at the Grade I listed church in Market Street since it opened in 1736.

A flower festival with the theme of anniversaries was due to kick off the celebrations at the weekend and worshippers were hoping to generate cash towards the restoration of the building for future generations. The church's history began in 1726

when town people, fed up of trekking to church in Oldswinford, began raising funds for a new chapel through public subscription.

Construction work of the church building, which cost £2,300 was completed in 1736 while the tower was finished in 1759.

Porches

Over the years, changes have been made to the building including the addition of entrance porches in 1890 and a church hall in 1910.

But the community spirit has remained and it has been home to many groups such as scout and brownie packs and the

Mothers' Union. Now the building is used for many other purposes from choir practice to tai chi classes as well as regular church services, which attract around 100 people.

In 2006, the church launched a major fundraising appeal to carry out vital repairs. Since then work has already been carried out to repair the nave roof and stonework and beams.

Members are still raising money for the redecoration of the chancel ceiling including the Holy Ghost plaque, which is the reason the church has grade I listed status.

Churchwarden and retired secretary Wendy Hemming, aged 63, of Fredericks

Close, Stourbridge, has been regularly attending the church since she was baptised there. "I spent a lot of time at the church now so it is very important to me," she said.

Churchwarden

Fellow churchwarden Vicky Waugh, 67, who lives near the church, said: "My father used to come to the church and was in the choir for 70 years. I started coming here about 25 years ago. It means a lot to me."

The three-day flower festival was due to be opened by Stourbridge MP Margot James before a performance by the Greenfield School choir.

Sacking is ruled as fair

The nurse in charge of a Smethwick care home where residents were left in soaked beds and without drinks all night has lost a compensation claim for unfair dismissal.

Grace Simister, of Dudley, made her compensation claim at Birmingham Employment Tribunal against First Care (Smethwick) Ltd.

The firm runs Ash Lodge care home on Londonderry Lane, Smethwick.

Mr Mark Thompson, representing the firm, said Miss Simister was in charge on June 25, 2009, when residents were left in soaked sheets after their urine pads were not changed.

Other residents were left without drinks, while one dementia-suffering woman was left covered with spilled drink, in a bed tilted at its maximum height, leaving her head and feet "scrunched up". Potentially infected linen was not thrown away but left on the floor by a shingles sufferer's bed, the tribunal heard.

Explanation

Miss Simister was later sacked for gross misconduct. She said she was not given a chance by the management to give an explanation and said staff had not put the correct pads on the residents.

During a cross-examination Mr Thompson accused Miss Simister of "passing the buck" and reminded her she admitted she would not have let a member of her family to have been left in such appalling conditions.

The tribunal earlier heard Miss Simister had been given a final written warning and had seven complaints made against her in two months before suspension and was dismissed in November 2009. The final warning followed disputes with a staff member.

The tribunal ruled the claim for unfair dismissal was rejected.

Oil dumping hits swans

Nine swans have been left struggling to survive after being covered in motor oil dumped in storm drains on a Dudley estate.

Conservationists from Bumble Hole nature reserve, Darby End, Netherton, say they want to raise awareness of the plight of wildlife left at the mercy of inconsiderate residents.

The swans, seven of which were cygnets, were nursed back to health by volunteers at Bishops Wood Swan Rescue, Stourport.

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Stephen Dunleavy

Double glazing fitter ripped off pensioner

A double glazing fitter who took hundreds of pounds off a pensioner without carrying out any work on his home has been found guilty of fraud and theft.

Stephen Dunleavy denied obtaining £200 from 73-year-old widower Harold Homer, who lives in Cradley Heath, for work to double glaze his porch and install a new front door.

He also denied taking a further £20 days two days later towards the cost of work on Mr Homer's front door.

But the 40-year-old, of Summergate,

Dudley, was found guilty at Wolverhampton Crown Court of dishonestly obtaining £200 by fraud and theft of £20. Earlier, the trial heard how Dunleavy had come into contact with Mr Homer when he helped double glaze the rest of the house when working for Safestyle UK in the summer of 2008 but came back and said he was self-employed. After Mr Homer agreed on Dunleavy to carry out the work on the door and porch, the builder took a £200 deposit from him on September 2 2008

to pay for materials. Three months later no work had been done and promises to either finish the job or pay back the cash had been broken.

The jury heard how Mr Homer had become so frustrated with the lack of progress by November 2008 that he referred the matter to trading standards officials.

Mr Mark Jackson, prosecuting for Sandwell Council's Trading Standards team, said Dunleavy produced no invoices or receipts. Mr Daniel Osofco,

defending, told the trial his client was a "rubbish businessman" but not a criminal. But he conceded Dunleavy told "the after lie" about delays in the building work.

Recorder Nigel Baker QC said: "With regards your sentence, all options are open." He adjourned the case for pre-sentence reports and granted bail. A date is yet to be fixed. Pensioner Harold Homer said after the verdict his encounter with Dunleavy left him so upset he was unable to sleep at night.

Homes bid for oldest part of site

The oldest surviving building on the former Wordsley Hospital site will be converted into homes under new plans.

The Guardian's Building dates back to 1874 when the site was a workhouse. It was later the hospital's "administrative heart".

Shropshire Homes, which is already converting other buildings on the site including the historic clock tower, wants to turn it into six one-bedroom apartments to help preserve it for future generations. The developers had hoped to keep the original roof, but dry rot has been found.

The discovery means the roof will need to be rebuilt.

Decorative

The building is included in the Wordsley Hospital Conservation Area, which says it is the "most decorative building on the site, as evidenced by the use of red, blue and white bricks."

Under the new plans there would only be minimal changes to the front. A report says: "The application will therefore preserve the Guardian's Building, which is intrinsic to the understanding of the former Wordsley Hospital."

Shropshire Homes managing director Howard Thorne said: "If planning permission is approved, we hope to start work in September."

People are due to start moving into the clock tower apartments soon.

Buildings on the site originated as a workhouse which was established early in the 19th century.

The entire site has been extensively altered and extended over the years and in the First World War it became a military hospital.

It was again used as a military hospital in the Second World War coming into civilian use in 1946. The hospital closed in 2005.

Drink driver, 25, swore to Allah

A motorist "swore on the life of Allah" that he did not drink and tried to use a £1 coin in his mouth to fool police who stopped him, a court heard.

Nasar Amir, aged 25, also had a previous conviction for drink driving in December 2009.

Miss Val Hart, prosecuting, told Dudley magistrates police saw the administrative officer driving at an excessive speed in Birmingham Street, Stourbridge.

"He began to swear on the life of Allah that he does not drink because he is a devout Muslim," said Miss Hart.

"Then police saw a small gold object on his tongue and they told him to spit it out. He was swallowing what appeared to be a £1 coin because he had heard that having a coin in the mouth can affect an alcohol reading."

A test later at Stourbridge police station showed Amir had 151mg of alcohol in 100ml of blood - the limit is 80mg.

Amir, of Crabbe Street, Lye, admitted driving with excess alcohol and was banned for 15 months, fined £350, told to pay £85 costs and £15 victim surcharge.

Council sets up library service over internet

Worcestershire County Council has set up Public Library Online allowing residents from Kidderminster and its surrounding areas to choose books using a computer or mobile phone.

No download is necessary and the service is available to all registered library users across Worcestershire. Residents can see the full catalogue of books online along with images of the books and information on borrowing.

The service is available by logging on www.worcestershire.gov.uk/libraries

Police to share services

Police in the Midlands have agreed to share more resources as chief constables fight to slash £55 million from their budgets.

The "Strategic Alliance" recommendations, unanimously agreed by West Mercia Police and Warwickshire Police, will see both forces keep Chief Constables who remain accountable to their police authorities for delivery of policing.

But changes will come in how the forces are currently planning to deliver budget cuts, through the creation of a single change programme for both forces. Officers and staff will also be able to operate over both areas.

Sheila Blagg, chairwoman of West Mercia Police Authority said: "Both forces and authorities are keen to ensure that policing continues to focus on protecting communities from harm at both force and local level."

It is important that the excellent work and engagement of local policing teams flourishes under an alliance and that local accountability is maintained.

Senior officers within each county and unitary area will continue to meet regularly with partners to ensure that we continue to engage effectively and address local policing concerns.

"There is a substantial amount of work now for both authorities. The decision of both authorities is only the first step toward more efficient and effective policing across both force areas, but a very exciting one."

Lifeguards course offer

A nationally recognised lifeguard training course is on offer to swimmers at Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure Centre.

The Royal Life Saving Society will run sessions from July 11-16, leading to an official qualification and certificate. Swimmers must be over 16 and the course costs £235. Call 01384 812800.

Mamma Mia! Dad is found by his daughter

A Dudley father has been tracked down by the daughter he never knew he had - after a search that mirrored the plot of hit movie Mamma Mia.

Steve Phillips, aged 47, of Brierley Hill, was found by his 25-year-old daughter Fallon Kelly, who had wondered for years who her real dad

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Bulder Steve Phillips and his daughter Fallon Kelly

was. Her mum Debbie, 45, wasn't certain.

She gave Fallon the names of her love interests from around the time her daughter was conceived.

She tracked down ex-boxer Steve who is now a builder, and the pair met.

ADNA test showed there was a 99.99 per cent chance he was her father.

She said: "He said I look so like his 20-year-old daughter Leanne that he knew it was true."

Mr Phillips said he was working on scaffolding in Dudley at the time, and nearly fell off when he got the news.

When Fallon turned detective, she found she had three possible fathers.

One was ruled out, and then she got in touch with Steve.

Fallon, an office manager from Kent, has been welcomed into Steve's family by her dad's wife Tracie and son Ryan, 17.

Steve said: "It's a complete shock and a lovely surprise. Our family is now complete."

In Mamma Mia, based on Abba songs, a young woman invites her mother's three former lovers to her wedding on a remote Greek island to find out which one is her real father.

Chance to explore the local nature reserves

Events at Dudley borough's nature reserves this July will give visitors a chance to get out and about and enjoy the summer.

On July 16 from 10am to 12.30pm participants can enjoy a summer walk and learn about the history, wildlife and management of The Leasowes, a Grade I nature reserve.

Booking is essential by calling 01384 814642.

Walkers should meet at the wardens' base on the car park, The Leasowes, off Mucklow Hill, Halesowen. On the same day there is a history walk from 2pm to 4.30pm

exploring the Cotwall End Valley in Sedgley. Participants should meet on Brookwood Animal Sanctuary car park. For more information call 07849 804242.

On July 29 there is a chance to join the Wren's Nest wardens on a walk over and under Dudley and go back 425 million years, to a time, when Dudley was underwater and creatures roamed the sea bed.

Meet at Mons Hill College car park, Wren's Hill Road. Booking essential and costs £5 per person.

Contact Jessica Welch on 01384 812785.

Cake bridges generation gap



Haybridge High School pupil James Hoult with residents Joyce Trewin, aged 98, Lissa Percy, aged 94, Gwen Tromans, 87, and Muriel Fenn, aged 91

Pupils served up afternoon tea for residents at a Stourbridge care home. The residents had a lovely time.

"The pupils also enjoyed their baking session," she said.

The visit was part of the school's personal challenge week which aims to set new challenges for its pupils.

This has included the youngsters having a behind-the-scenes tour of Sainsbury's to buy the ingredients for their cakes. The school is in Brake Lane, Hagley.

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Furniture repairer expands

A Dudley furniture repair business once driven to the brink of bankruptcy is booming – and plans to take on 14 more workers after quadrupling the size of its workshop.

It comes just two years after Homeserve Furniture Repairs Ltd was in strife when a major customer collapsed owing the business almost £200,000.

The turnover of the firm, based on the Delph Industrial Estate, Brierley Hill, increased by 35 per cent last year. Managing director James Lane predicts it will grow a further 47 per cent this year.

Mr Lane, aged 33, originally set up his business working from the bedroom of his former home on Lakeside estate, Amblecote, Stourbridge, seven years ago.

He carried out the repair work while his partner, Louise Weston, handled the administrative side. He said: "I keep asking myself why we're doing so well in a recession."

"I think it's through being positive, keep on attacking and doing a good job. We almost went bump in 2009 after one of our biggest clients folded, owing us £187,000. But we restructured and have grown to having our best year ever."

Louise is now accounts manager for Homeserve and the couple live in Romsley, near Halesowen. The firm moved to Delph Road five years ago and is transferring from its 2,000 sq ft workshop to an 8,000 sq foot unit on the estate.

The company employs a total of 46 – 16 of whom work in Brierley Hill, while the rest are technicians based around the country.

Master plan moves closer

A multi-million pound "master-plan" to help guide investment into Brierley Hill has moved a step closer to being formally introduced.

The proposals for the Brierley Hill Area Action Plan were first unveiled in 2007 and since then have been undergoing public consultation and an independent inspection by the Government.

Last week councillors on Dudley Council's cabinet recommended the document go before the full council for final approval before it is officially adopted.

The 200-page dossier identifies where the council would like to see new shops, homes, leisure complexes and offices located.

Some of the options it contains includes a new anchor store at the Merry Hill Shopping Centre as well as the redevelopment of the Moor Street Shopping Centre.

Lots of pots show

A special exhibition of pots is on at Himley Hall and Park. The Midlands Potters Association is showing work until September 4. Admission is free and the collection includes a diverse range of pots with many of the pieces available to buy. Councillor David Stanley said visitors were expected from across the region. For opening times call 01384 817817.

Invite to shops guru

Mary Portas, the star of BBC 2's Mary Queen of Shops and the woman charged by the Government with reviving high streets, has been invited to see Dudley town centre.

Ms Portas has been asked by Prime Minister David Cameron to lead a review to look at what can be done to promote more prosperous town centres. She will present her findings to the Deputy Prime Minister later in the year.

As part of the review she will conduct fact-finding missions to some specific high streets.

Ian Austin, the MP for Dudley north, revealed he is inviting her to visit Dudley and to hear from local shoppers, shop owners, councillors and residents. He said: "Unlike other areas our town centre failed to attract investment in a decade when the economy boomed."

Transport roadshow

People who visit, live or work in Dudley can have their say on public transport in the borough.

A roadshow Your Public Transport Matters will give the travelling public the chance to talk directly with Network West Midlands – the region's integrated bus, rail and tram system.

Representatives from bus, rail and tram operators, which run public

transport services in the region, will be on hand to talk to people visiting the Centro exhibition bus when it parks up at Market Place in Dudley between 10am and 3pm on July 13.

The event has been organised by Centro. Feedback from the event will be looked at closely by transport bosses and used to make improvements to the local bus, tram and rail network.

Room to improve service

Two thirds of the people in Midlands were satisfied with how they were dealt with by police while the remainder were "less than happy" with the service last year, according to new figures.

Just 67 per cent of people in the region who had contact with officers in the past year after being stopped, becoming victims of crime or witnessing it were satisfied with their experience.

The police watchdog said there was room for improvement and said most complaints about officers alleged that they were rude, late to appointments or did not do their jobs satisfactorily.

Nationally, 76 per cent of people were happy with the way officers handled their encounter, according to a survey from the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC).

The watchdog also revealed that a quarter of people in the West Midlands had been in contact with police over the past year, compared to a national average of one in five.

The watchdog's survey included people in the West Midlands, Staffordshire, West Mercia and Warwickshire police force areas.

IPCC Commissioner Rachel Cerfontyne said: "Two thirds of people in the region say they are happy with their contact with police, but clearly that still leaves room for improvement."

West Midlands Police spokeswoman Sarah Astbury said complaints against the force represented a small percentage set against the overall number of incidents and calls dealt with.

Extra cash for potholes

Another £275,000 is to be earmarked by Dudley Council to help resurface roads and fill in potholes in the wake of freezing conditions last winter.

It means an extra £2 million has been spent repairing roads in the borough. Earlier this year council chiefs allocated an extra £1m funding to tackle the problem.

Around £800,000 of the cash came from a Government VAT refund while the other £200,000 was diverted from council balances.

In March bosses received another boost after the Government earmarked £725,151 for Dudley roads in the budget.

More than 8,000 potholes have been repaired in the borough since January while around 180 side roads have also been resurfaced.

The money has been diverted from general fund balances.

Sign up for a stroll through countryside

Walkers can go for a stroll around the South Staffordshire countryside next month.

A free walk around Bobbington and Highgate Common has been organised on July 12 from 10am. It starts at the Red Lion pub in Bobbington Village. Call 01384 816992 for details.

New £7m bus station starts to take shape

Stourbridge's new £7 million bus station is starting to take shape with some of the frame for the main building already in place. Work is progressing on the complex in Foster Street East after the closure of the old station in October.

Contractors have been busy completing underground work to alter and extend the existing subway and have built a 60-metre long retaining wall. They have now moved on to the main station which will be fitted out later this year.

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£8m bill to meet costs of staff cuts

Almost £8million looks set to be spent by a Dudley Council to cover the cost of workers leaving through redundancy. More than 300 workers have left the council as part of plans to shed more than 400 posts by April next year.

It was revealed earlier this year the council had expected it would need to borrow up to £6m to cover the costs associated with people leaving. However, a council report, which went before the cabinet last week, stated the latest estimate would set the authority back nearly £8m.

The money will help pay for pensions and payouts for workers as they leave. The extra cash to plug the shortfall will come from a pot of money the council had set aside to spend over the coming year but hasn't been needed yet.

A report to cabinet members stated: "The latest forecast of the cost of redundancies is just under £8m. These include voluntary and compulsory redundancies already approved including those during 2010/11 together with the most recent estimate of further redundancies required to complete the process."

"The budget made provision for redundancy costs of £6m required for 2011/2012 to be met directly or indirectly from borrowing."

Figures released last week show 324 redundancies have now been agreed by the council. Bosses want to get rid of 427 posts by next April as they try to save £22m by March 2012.

The new Stourbridge Interchange is due to open for passengers in early 2012.

It will include a shop, improved concourse and electronic timetable boards as well as help points and a public address system.

A subway linking the town centre with the bus station will be extended to bring commuters into the middle of the station.

CCTV, help points and an internal public address system will also be installed.

Passengers

An additional bus stop will be installed on Vauxhall Road to help passengers move from the bus to the train station more easily.

A free shuttle bus has been operating to and from the town centre. It will run until July 24 when operators Centro will look at whether to extend the service.

In April, it was revealed passenger numbers using the shuttle had increased from 300 to 400 a day.

The shuttle bus operates 8am-6pm Monday-Saturday on a one way loop along Parkfield Road, Vauxhall Road, Birmingham Street, St John's Road, High Street, Market Street, Bell Street, New Street, St John's Road, Church Street and back to Parkfield Road.



The frame of the new Stourbridge bus station at the Foster Street East site



The main building is taking shape and will be fitted out later on this year

Theatre looks for twins

Stourbridge Theatre Company is on the lookout for male twins to star in its production of Blood Brothers.

The group is preparing to perform Willy Russell's popular play in November and are starting rehearsals soon. They are hoping to find twins or at least two very similar looking men, who look around 25 to

30-years-old. Open auditions are being held at St Joseph's R.C. Primary School, Lea Vale Road, Norton, Stourbridge on July 11 at 7:30pm. The play will be staged at Stourbridge Town Hall between November 24 to 26.

Further information is available from 01562 885578.

Family fit club invitation

Families are being invited to join in with a free family fit club at Nether-ton Park. Qualified park rangers lead the sessions at the family health hub, off Greaves Road.

Sessions run every Wednesday from 5.30 to 6.30pm, every Saturday from 11am to noon and every Sunday

from 10 to 11am during term time.

Councillor David Stanley, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "There are lots of fantastic sessions on offer and they are all free of charge."

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Cap on births at hospital

The number of births at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital will be capped to alleviate growing pressure on its maternity unit.

Resources have become stretched with more women choosing to have their baby at the hospital than in previous years.

Dudley Group of Hospitals says it now needs to restrict the number of births "to maintain safe operating levels".

The number has risen from 3,777 births in 2002/03 to 4,902 in 2010/11.

The closure of Sandwell Hospital's maternity unit, ahead of the opening of a new birthing centre in Smethwick, is one of the reasons for the increase at Russells Hall.

Around 28 per cent of all women applying to have their baby in Dudley are now from Sandwell.

During the last three months of 2010/11 there was an increase of 69.7 per cent in bookings from Sandwell women on the same period in 2009/10.

The Dudley hospital trust says the good reputation of its maternity unit has also led to more bookings from mothers-to-be.

Two options to cap birth numbers are now being discussed by the hospital trust and NHS Dudley, which commissions maternity services in the borough.

Under the plans, staff would either restrict bookings from mothers-to-be based on "geographical boundary" or limit the intake over the maternity unit's optimum level of 380 births a month.

Drug man in court

A man was caught with three bags of cannabis and a half-smoked spliff after police saw him talking to someone through the window of his car in Dudley.

More cannabis and a set of scales were found at Carl Galliar's home.

Galliar, aged 25, of Chapel Close, Cradley Heath, admitted possessing the drug with intent to supply. Sentencing was adjourned by Dudley magistrates until July 12 for a probation report.

Val Hart, prosecuting, said the value of the cannabis found was £250 to £300. Galliar told police he had become a heavy user of cannabis since his father's death and he felt he was in need of help.

Lee Preston, defending, said Galliar passed cannabis to close friends and acquaintances, but did not make much from it.

Rotary club closes after 73 years of charity work



Dudley Rotary Vice President David Attwood with Barry Adams, Peter Mash and Anne Davies who are joining him once the Brierley Hill group is disbanded

Members of a long-running Rotary club in the Black Country are mourning the end of an era as they prepare to go their separate ways.

Brierley Hill and Kingswinford Rotary Club is closing due to falling numbers – but its 11 members say they have some "fantastic memories".

They met up for the final time earlier this week – and have been looking back over the club's achievements during its 73-year history.

Members will move on to other

branches in the area such as Dudley, Kinver and Stourbridge.

But though they admit they are sad to say goodbye, they have spoken of their pride at the work that has been done.

The club is thought to have generated more than £1 million during its history for Rotary charities.

Projects

The cash has helped a variety of projects including new classroom equipment at a Ugandan school costing £4,500 and building a new garden at Brierley Hill Primary School.

The Brierley Hill group was formed in 1938 by members of the

Dudley branch to accommodate growing numbers. In the early years the focus was on the local community, and during the Second World War the club ran a service to help relations of wounded servicemen travel to visit them.

The club gave 10 guineas to the Brierley Hill Urban District Council fund to provide a book of remembrance and an outing was organised for war orphans.

This dedication to helping children continued over the years with an annual trip to Drayton Manor Park and Zoo for disadvantaged youngsters.

The last major project undertaken by the club was in Uganda



Children at the Bwindi Community Primary School in Uganda, seen in front of a classroom which was sponsored by the Brierley Hill rotary club, formed in 1938



Members of Brierley Hill and Kingswinford Rotary Club seen gathering to celebrate the group's 50th anniversary back in 1988 at Brierley Hill Civic Hall

10 years ago, where 50 twin desks, a school library and hundreds of books were donated.

Among its renowned members over the years have been John Hess, who founded the Dudley Trail, and James Higgs, founder of Higgs & Sons solicitors, which is still going to this day.

Memories

Past president Richard Moore said: "I have some great memories of my time with the rotary club and it has been an important part of the community for many years."

At its peak the club had 50 members.

President Anne Davies said the current crop of Rotarians are

ageing but new members are not being attracted. Secretary John Pittwood, who has been a member for more than 20 years, said: "It is sad but when you get to the small number number of members we have, there just aren't the arms and legs to do things anymore. It's not that we haven't got the ideas."

"It's better to close on a high than let it fade out."

The club is now clearing its bank account by donating £14,000 to charities including Mary Stevens Hospice and the RNLI.

The final meeting will take place at the Kingfisher Hotel and Restaurant in Wall Heath, where members have gathered for the last 30 years.

Report due over threats

A man threatened to kill a policeman and everyone in his house before lunging at the officer, a court heard.

Police were called to a disturbance at Danny Nicholls's home in Bluebell Road, Priory estate, Dudley, after a row with his father.

When they arrived officers found people in the street restraining him.

Miss Val Hart, prosecuting, told Dudley magistrates that, as Pc Martin Gough got out of the police vehicle, Nicholls shouted: "I'll kill you and everyone in the house."

Nicholls, aged 19, then lunged towards the officer, who drew his CS spray and warned him to get back, added Miss Hart.

She said Nicholls ran off towards Bluebell Woods but then came towards the officer again, who drew his baton.

Later Nicholls reappeared from the woods, where he had run off again, and said he would "slice everyone up while they sleep".

Nicholls admitted using threatening words or behaviour towards Pc Gough and sentencing was adjourned until July 12 for a probation report. Nicholls told the court that he had not threatened to kill the officer and had not gone within 15ft of him.

Knifeman is jailed

A man described in court as a "shambling wreck" armed himself with a knife because he was being "picked on by local kids", his solicitor claimed.

Lee Waite, aged 38, was found with a kitchen knife tucked into his waistband near his home in Honister Close, Quarry Bank, on April 22.

He admitted possessing the knife and Dudley magistrates jailed him for six weeks, to be served concurrently with a 10-week sentence imposed on June 20 for criminal damage.

Mr Michael Davies, defending Waite, said: "As a result of alcohol abuse he is something of a shambling wreck and has been picked on by local kids."

"He has no way of defending himself and he was a shambling figure to be pitied rather than feared."

Sports club

A new badminton club, the Badminton Bears, based in Aston, Birmingham, has set up a branch at Windsor High School, Halesowen. It runs on Thursdays from 6.30pm.

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M is for mystery as mother admits fraud

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A mother-of-three cashed four cheques totalling £10,000 from the account of a local firm of solicitors through a man known only as "M", who was thought to work at the company, a court heard.

But Debbie Smith, aged 33, was paid only £50 per cheque she cashed, Dudley magistrates were told.

Smith, of Blowers Green, Dudley, declined to give police officers the identity of the person who had given her the cheques, saying she believed her family may be in danger.

Smith admitted four charges of fraud by cashing a cheque to the value of £2,500 from the account of Peter Chahal Solicitors, intending to gain the money for another person. The firm, in Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, is now closed.

Investigate

The sole practitioner of the company, Peter Chahal, said after the court hearing last week that he had brought in police and the Law Society to investigate a fraud on his firm and would not comment further.

The case was adjourned until July 15 for a probation report.

Miss Val Hart, prosecuting, said Smith was one of a number of people interviewed as part of a larger police investigation into fraudulent activity involving cheque books belonging to the solicitors.

Miss Hart added that, when asked for the identity of the person who had given her the cheques she refused, saying she thought her family may be in danger. Smith told police she gave the money to a person she called "M".

Mr Malcolm Fowler, defending, said: "The truth of all of this is that this lady was clearly recruited by someone in a position of some apparent authority in the practice of solicitors that has been mentioned."

"Someone with a silver tongue persuaded her to become involved."

All the fun of the seaside



Children from years 3, 4 and Foundation get ready for their beach themed fete at Church of the Ascension Primary School, Wall Heath.

The seaside is coming to Dudley this weekend when a school hosts its annual summer fair.

Church of the Ascension Primary School, New Street, has borrowed sand from nearby Himley beach for the event, on Saturday July 9 from 1.15-4pm.

"Wall Heath on Sea" will continue the seaside theme and headteacher Richard Green, is due to perform a Punch and Judy show with puppets

he has made. There will be a lifeboat assault course along with singing and dancing from Foundation and Key Stage 1 pupils, a beer tent, Pimm's tent, stalls and games.

Church of the Ascension seaside rock has been ordered in from Blackpool. Labels for the rock have been printed for free by John Price Printers, Bilston, with the company also donating posters and programmes. Entry is 50p.

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Suspects caught on camera are sought

Police are trying to trace these men in connection with a spate of unrelated crimes – a motorist held up at knife-point; items stolen from a petrol station and electrical goods taken from a supermarket.

The incidents are not thought to be linked but police have released CCTV images of people they want to speak to in connection with them.

The images were released after the BP service station in Stourbridge Road, Halesowen, was targeted by two separate thieves.

In the first theft on May 30, a man entered the store, took four bottles of engine oil from a shelf, and walked out without paying.

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Then on June 8, a motorist filled up a silver Honda with fuel worth £71.01, and drove off without paying.

The theft of a driver's wallet near Stourbridge prompted police there to release an e-fit of a man they are trying to trace.

Driving

The incident happened at about 1.30pm on June 10 when the motorist, a man in his 30s, who was driving a white Ford Focus, pulled up at traffic lights at the Hackman's Gate crossroads between Blakedown and Bellbroughton.

The thief pulled open the driver's door, threatened him with a knife and demanded his wallet.

The robber had a small black dog

with him. Police also want to speak to two men after electrical equipment was stolen from Asda, Merry Hill.

The men were seen hanging around the electrical aisle at around 7.30pm on June 7. One man took a video set-top box from the shelf and concealed it in the other man's bag. A 19-inch Luxor LCD black TV set was also picked up and the men walked out of the store without paying.

The theft happened at around 7.30pm on June 7.

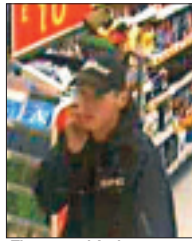
Anyone with information on the supermarket theft can contact the Brierley Hill neighbourhood team on 0345 113 5000.

Anyone who can help with the wallet theft is asked to call detectives in Kidderminster on 0300 333 3000.

And for the petrol station thefts people can call Halesowen police station on 0345 113 5000.



A suspect in the Asda electrical theft



The second Asda suspect



An e-fit of the thief who took the wallet



The suspect taking oil at the BP garage

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Historic weapons go under the hammer

Militaria collectors packed into an auction house in Birmingham to bid for a huge cache of historic weapons and military related memorabilia.

Around 400 items went on sale, more than 300 of which came from the estate of an anonymous private collector from Dudley.

Medals, guns, rifles, pistols as well as bayonets, knives and machetes dating back to the early 1800s, were all on offer.

The arsenal went under the hammer at Ladywood auctioneers Biddle and Webb at the request of the widow of the collector, who asked to remain anonymous.

Collectors travelled from as far afield as Surrey to bid for the items.

Nick Peterken, a teacher from Gloucester, spent £1,800 on scores of knives.

Among them was Italian and Finnish bayonets and an early pattern British equivalent.

He added his most prized piece was a 1907 bayonet, recovered from the trenches of the Battle of the Somme, engraved in memory of the Suffolk regiment after it was found.



Nick Peterken from Gloucester with a whole selection of knives at the auction



Buyers and some of the lots at Biddle & Webb's militaria auction in Birmingham

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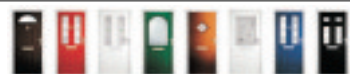
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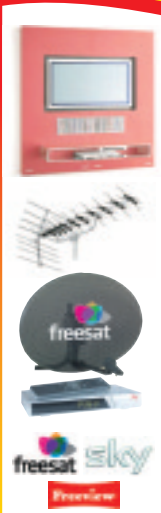
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Hospital notes are found in the street

Confidential hospital notes and medical waste including syringes have been found on streets near Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

Charts listing patients' names, dates of birth, condition and treatment have been found littering the pavements on surrounding roads, along with alcohol swabs and even catheter tubes.

Residents have blamed staff who continue to park outside their homes for dropping the items. Hospital chief executive Paula Clark said a probe had been launched and assured patients protecting personal information was taken seriously by the staff.

Resident Nicholas Bate, of Kingswinford Road, said: "Staff are regularly dropping confidential patients' notes and information as well as medical waste on the road when they leave their cars, or return to them after their shift," he said.

"I've found stethoscopes, syringes,

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catheters, and even what appeared to be needles. I've also picked up confidential notes about patients who have died, hospital wristbands, and treatment records. It's disgraceful."

Hospital bosses in Dudley have now launched an investigation.

One member of staff has already been reprimanded after documents were discovered in the street near Russells Hall Hospital.

Launched

Dudley Group of Hospitals' chief executive Paula Clark said an investigation was "immediately" launched as soon as they received the reports of hospital notes being found outside.

"We have policies and procedures in place to protect patient data and take any breaches very seriously," she added.

"Protecting patient information is very important to us and we are continually reinforcing this with our

staff," she said. Among those identified in the notes is pensioner Violet Poulton, aged 80, from Stourbridge, who said she couldn't understand why her notes would have left the hospital.

"It's very concerning. I can't even imagine why any notes would be taken outside the hospital - whenever I have seen the notes before they have been bound and stored away," she said.

Mr Bate, who alerted the hospital trust to the information leak, said he regularly has to patrol the streets to pick up dropped items.

He said he feared someone could get injured if the items were left where they had been dropped.

Mr Bate also said he had often had to call back doctors when they dropped something on their way to work and often notes had included private information about patients' treatment records.

He said the problem had got worse over the past few years.

Jazz night at the zoo

Dancers can roll back the years at a jazz event at Dudley Zoo

The historic Queen Mary Ballroom will host the bash on July 8 as part of the 27th Birmingham International Jazz and Blues Festival.

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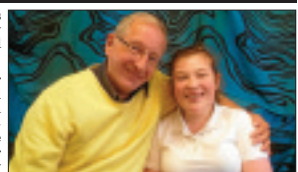
Tickets, £4.50 for adults and £3 for children, are available from the zoo safari shop, by calling 01384 215301 or on the door.

Author praises special school

A successful children's author who was born in Wolverhampton has spoken of how "moved and impressed" he was by staff and pupils at a Dudley special school.

Eric Pullin, aged 65, who now lives near Edinborough, spent a day at Old Park Special School, Corby Road, working with teenagers aged 16 to 19 in story-telling sessions. Mr Pullin, who is famous for "The Why Series" of fun and fantasy books for children, said: "I want the school to know how moved I was by the unbelievable work they do there. I was so impressed with what the staff do to help children who have a range of learning difficulties - how much care, love and attention the teachers give."

Mr Pullin, who was raised in Tetterhall, said: "This was the first time I had gone in to work with children at a special school. "It would do everybody a lot of good to go into a place like that for a day. I went into this blind, not knowing the difficulties these children have, and I was in tears after the first session. The teachers were mainly



Author Eric Pullin and Alicia Millard, aged 13, at Old Park School

young and I just want them to know that what they are doing was noticed and that they are doing a fantastic job." Each book in "The Why Series", written in rhyme by Mr Pullin and illustrated by Chris Davis.

Mrs Michele Solecki, English co-ordinator at Old Park Special School, said: "It was lovely for our children to have the opportunity to meet an author - it's the first time we have ever done that."

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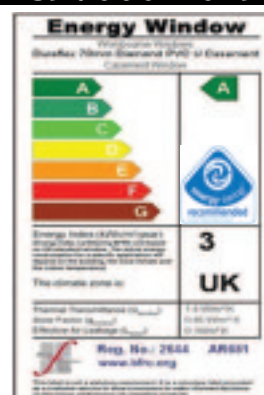
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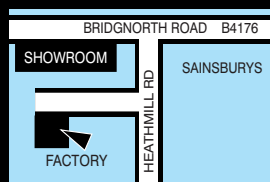
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Stourbridge furniture salesman John Pargeter says he has no time to put his feet up despite reaching his 80th birthday while in charge of the family business.

Mr Pargeter's family has owned a furniture store in the town centre for more than 90 years. His family also has strong links with Stourbridge's renowned glassmaking industry.

Mr Pargeter's grandfather Philip was the former owner of Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone. The grandfather-of-seven says he still works hard to stay up with the latest furniture designs while also putting faith in British manufacturers.

"You have to support British firms as it is British jobs which help the economy and towns like Stourbridge keep going," he said.

Vibrant

The 80-year-old was born in Kingswinford and became an accountant in the RAF between 1949-51 after leaving school. His father, also called John, started a small furniture store in Market Street near the present Bell Hotel in 1926. He made a lot of his own furniture during the day before going into the shop and working until 11 each night selling to customers.

"It was a busy, vibrant town in those days," said Mr Pargeter.

Mr Pargeter joined the family business soon after leaving the RAF. "I enjoyed it, still do, because we always have had a wonderful workforce and they are what keep you going for all those years," said the keen golfer who is seen regularly playing at Stourbridge Gold Club.

Those premises were sold in the early 1950s and the firm relocated to the top of High Street. "It is amazing to think over the years we went from selling three piece suites for 30 guineas where as now its £1,500 to £8,000," said Mr Pargeter, who lives in Tenbury with his wife of 54 years Hilary. "The town isn't the same. It is hard for us to compete with places like Merry Hill because they offer free parking, so it would be good for the council to help us out."

Mr Pargeter's son Miles, aged 52, joined the business 34 years ago and said: "We are very proud of his achievements. He has always moved with the times."



Middle, John Pargeter with, left, his son Miles and shop worker Jill Williams

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A horse professional – given the codename “Brenda” is to guard against any retaliation from disgruntled owners – they are being fed and nursed through painful conditions.

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So far 31 horses have been seized by police, mainly in the Brierley Hill and Pensnett area, since April 16, after a new arrangement with Dudley Council ended months of talks on tackling the problem. Four ponies were later reclaimed by legitimate owners, eight have been rehomed and

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19 are still being cared for by “Brenda”. She offered her land and services because she could not stand the thought of the animals suffering.

The new arrangement is on a six-month trial but Dudley Council refuses to say how much the service is costing as it may ultimately be put out to public tender and the information would then be commercially sensitive.

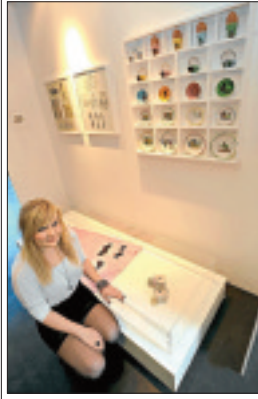
But already it is paying dividends – with reports of the number of calls about strays falling from around 200 a month to 30.

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Students' artwork goes on display



Design student Clair Welch

Students at Halesowen College have been exhibiting the coursework in their end-of-year display.

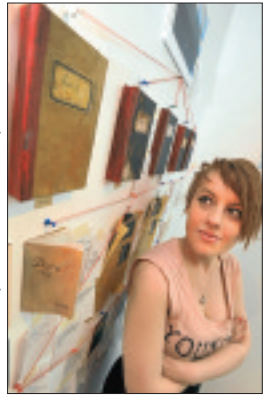
The show features 20 displays ranging from a collection of 1930s diaries to a complex contraption for transporting water.

It has been organised to celebrate the end of the course and show off what they have been working on in recent months. Each of the student artists has been given the freedom to choose their own theme and use any materials they wish. Jade Cooper, 19, of Tividale, found a box of someone's personal belongings in a charity shop in Bournville, Birmingham and used them in her display.

Diaries

It contained letters and diaries by a couple from Kings Heath, Birmingham, ranging from the 1930s to the 1980s. Jade has reproduced some of the artefacts and made a montage piecing together aspects of their lives.

She has also painted portraits of the couple using two small photographs which were in the box. Meanwhile fellow students Christopher Perks, 20, of Quarry Bank, has built a network of pipes and tubes to feed water around, controlled by levers and pulleys. He was inspired by the board game Mouse Trap and “the different forces that can be created by a wacky machine”, he said. Claire Welch, 18, of Oldbury, has taken images from Ladybird children's books, painted them on a tea set and surrounded them with “cynical” messages.



Jade Cooper with her work

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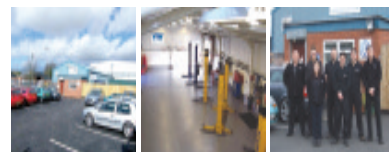
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Battling the scourge of these metal thieves

I've done a lot of work on how we can combat the scourge of metal thefts since I was elected last year. This particular crime has been plaguing our area in the Black Country for a long time now.

I've raised it directly with Home Office ministers and arranged for Black Country business leaders to tell the minister, James Brokenshire MP, directly about their experiences down in Westminster.

The Government is now working on implementing a cashless system for metal sales to increase traceability of metals and, last week, I urged the minister, Baroness Browning, to include mandatory digital photographing of everyone who sells metal. If we're photographed at British airports prior to boarding a plane then I don't see why we shouldn't be photographed if weighing in thousands of pounds worth of metal.

Another problem for Black Country businesses is the amount of red tape and bureaucracy they suffer after 13 years of Labour. That's why we've set up www.redtapechallenge.co.uk. If you run a business log-on today and tell us how we can make your

life easier and help you to get on with creating jobs and prosperity in our area.

● I instinctively don't like banning things but I was ready to vote to ban wild animals in circuses – in defiance of a threatened Government three line whip – last week. In the end, however, I am pleased to report the motion for a ban was carried without opposition.

Holiday insurance

As readers are starting to take their annual summer holidays, I thought it would be useful to highlight vital bit of administration everybody should complete before travelling within Europe.

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Pensions and Strikes

What last Thursday showed is the vast majority of hard working public sector employees did not support the premature strike action and went into work. I want to thank all those in Dudley who went in, ignored the pickets and put the public first.

I was not at all surprised by the very low turnout for the strike action – with only around 42 per cent of Public and Commercial Services Union's own members choosing to take part.

Very few civil servants wanted this strike at all – less than 10 per cent of them voted for it – and they are right. It is simply wrong for their leader to be pushing for walkouts when serious talks, set up at the request of the TUC itself are still ongoing. As Brendan Barber himself

said, the government are approaching this whole process in good faith.

Reform of public sector pensions is essential, but the government is ensuring that they will still be among the very best, with a guaranteed pension which very few private sector staff now enjoy.

The coalition is proposing that they will be paid later because people live longer, and public sector staff will pay more, for a fairer balance between what they pay and what other taxpayers pay.

As the Labour Peer and former Labour Pensions Minister Lord Hutton said in his report: 'The responsible thing to do is to accept that because we are living longer we should work for longer'.

In the 1970s, when a civil servant say, retired at 60, they could expect to claim a pension for around 20 years. Today, when they retire at 60, they can expect to claim a pension for nearly 30 years – about a 50 per cent increase on before.

The coalition's proposals

Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views on issues that matter



are fair on the taxpayer.

The taxpayer currently contributes over two-thirds of the costs of maintaining public sector pensions.

In the Civil Service pension scheme for example, employees contribute between 1.5 and 3.5 per cent, whereas the taxpayer contributes nearly 19 per cent.

The coalition's reforms mean the costs of these pensions are more fairly spread between public servant and taxpayer.

Public sector pensions will still be among the very best. They'll be guaranteed, something very few private sector workers now enjoy.

But the pension will be paid later because people are living longer.

Public sector staff will pay a bit more – to help ensure a fairer balance between what they pay and what other taxpayers are expected to contribute.

The government has proposed that the defined benefit will be linked to career average salary, not final salary.

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3,500 fuel thefts in two years

Thieves have driven off from petrol stations in the Black Country without paying almost 3,500 times in just two years, new figures claim.

It is believed soaring fuel prices contributed to the rising number of thefts at garages. New figures released by West Midlands Police show a total of 3,490 petrol thefts – known as bilking – were recorded across Walsall, Wolverhampton,

Dudley and Sandwell between June 2009 and May this year.

Most, 1,075, were reported in Sandwell. In the Wolverhampton area 941 thefts were reported while there were 753 in Dudley and 721 in Walsall.

In April alone this year there were 92 thefts listed in Sandwell.

Halesowen has also been a target for thieves in recent months with the

BP Shortcross filling station in Stourbridge Road, Halesowen, hit several times. Some thieves use stolen licence plates to make it more difficult to trace them but police say they are working on ways to stop that.

They are carrying out covert operations and high visibility measures and officers are working closely with industry bodies and individual garage owners to tackle the problem.

First homes ready on £37m development

The first homes have been completed on a £37 million housing development.

Nearly 30 houses and bungalows have now been built at the Friars Gate scheme, Dudley. The site was formerly the North Priory estate.

The first two show homes were officially opened at a ceremony attended by Dudley's Mayor Councillor Michael Evans. Officials from Keepmoat Homes and Bromford Living, partners in the scheme along with Dudley Council, said first residents were ready to move in. Five houses have already been privately sold and the first 15 bungalows and two houses available to rent have also been accommodated.

Five bungalows and two homes will be taken up by former North Priory estate residents wanting to return.

Affordable

Properties are the first to be built in the initial phase of the scheme. This is for 100 homes, 63 affordable and 37 for outright sale.

A £5.6 million grant was awarded by the government's Home and Communities Agency last year to develop the first phase. The estate will have a total of 314 homes. Work will be done in three phases.

Priory Tenants and Residents Association treasurer of George Williams, aged 69, said he was impressed with the look of the houses.

Work on the £11m first phase started last year after a £5.5m grant from the Homes and Community Agency.

Some 272 homes which once occupied the site were demolished in 2009 to make way for the new scheme which was first mooted in 2006.



Darrin Gamble, area manager Christine Seaton, Dudley Mayor Councillor Michael Evans, Keepmoat Homes MD Paul Degg, and tenant George Williams



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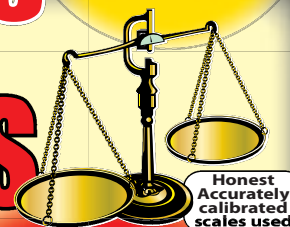
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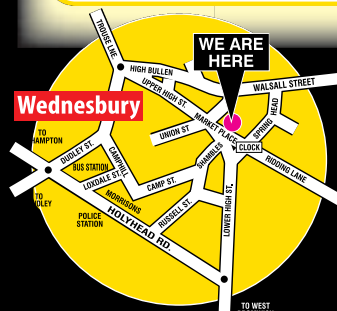
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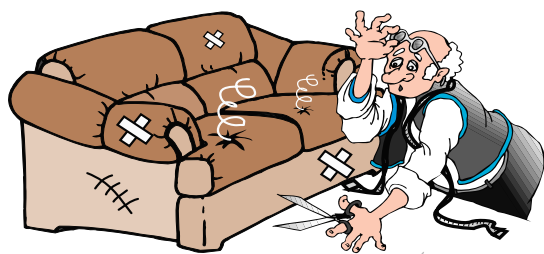
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Shop helps heroes



Richard Totney from The Royal Mercian & Lancastrian Yeomanry (RMLY) A-squad with shop manager Katie Bennett and Luke Brotherton from RMLY A-squad, and back left shop volunteers Liz Bradley, Margaret Hood and Joan McNamara

A charity shop in Halesowen is supporting two good causes at once after launching a two-month fundraiser in aid of Help for Heroes.

Staff at the Sunbeams Music Trust store in High Street are selling raffle tickets to boost funds for the soldiers' charity. The shop opened 18 months ago to support the music trust which provides therapeutic music sessions to youngsters and adults with special needs and disabilities.

Shop manager Katie Bennett said she had been inspired by a charity store in Chester that had held a raffle to help another good cause.

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Council houses problem

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Council chiefs have also revealed they are looking to launch a pilot scheme later this year where people can live rent free in a local authority property for a set period of time if they pledge to spruce up the outside of the home.

The plans have been drawn up after it emerged there are just over 100 properties in the borough which require major work – often more than £10,000 of refurbishments.

The houses could be sold off to housing associations which operate in the area or even put on the open market for the public to buy.

Housing chief Councillor Adrian Turner, said: "A strategic approach to deal with high cost voids was approved in March this year.

"We have now identified 24 properties that are uneconomical to repair within our budgets. These properties will be disposed of ideally to housing associations but potentially utilising other initiatives including sale on the open market."

Centre is given a spruce up

Almost 60 volunteers have helped to spruce up the Stourbridge base of a charity.

As part of a team building day workers from Legal and General based across the country descended on the Pocklington Trust Centre's base at the Mary Stevens Centre.

The organisation works with people who have sight issues and the volunteers took part in an array of activities including painting work and also producing articles for the talking newspaper it produces.

A group also undertook a project to create a sensory garden which will see strongly smelling flowers planted.

Ann Evett, development manager at the Pocklington Resource Centre said: "It has gone very well, the place was absolutely buzzing and everything was looking great."

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Holly Wright is in the national finals of the Festival4Stars Singing sensation Holly heads for the UK final

A BLACK Country schoolgirl hopes to hit the right notes when she heads to Scotland to represent her region in a singing competition.

Holly Wright, aged 11, from Forest Drive, Old Hill, sailed through the Festival4Stars auditions singing The Wind Beneath My Wings. The Netherbrook Primary pupil saw off competition from people three years her senior to win the Solo Singing 14 and Under category. She went on

to beat rivals in the region's final last month at the Hilton Hotel in Birmingham to seal her place as Midlands representative for the prestigious final in November.

The competition has had celebrity judges including Blue heart-throb Duncan James and Bucks Fizz singer Cheryl Baker.

Mother Michelle Wright said: "I'm very proud of her. She's only had singing lessons for 18 months."

Six hundred children sing in Latin for 'live and kicking' composer

MORE than 600 primary and secondary school singers from across Birmingham will have the chance to impress world-renowned composer Karl Jenkins when he attends their performance of his Stabat Mater at Symphony Hall on Monday, July 11.

This is the second year the composer has given his commitment and support to Town Hall and Symphony Hall's Sing for All: Creative Foundations, an experience he described last year as "a revelation".

The concert is the grand finale of the project and the result of many months' work by the schoolchildren and teachers to learn the large scale choral piece, which is sung in Latin.

Since January, teachers have attended a series of workshops at Symphony Hall with musical director John Gibbons, who has been giving professional training and advice.

This, in turn, assists the teachers in their rehearsals with the children who need to overcome the significant challenges of learning such a large scale work intended for adult choirs and sung in an unfamiliar language.

Sing for All: Creative Foundations gives the youngsters an opportunity to strive for the highest levels of personal attainment and, for most, it will be their first concert experience, performing with a professional orchestra and

singers in a world class venue.

Though rooted in the classical tradition, Karl Jenkins's music is infused with different world cultures, jazz traditions and strong rhythmic elements making it particularly appealing to younger people.

Offers

And, as Karl Jenkins says, "it's nice for them to meet a composer who's still alive and kicking!"

Organised by Town Hall and Symphony Hall's Education and Community Department, Sing for All offers professional singing training

and performance opportunities to all parts of the community, with funding from the Peter and Jane How Trust, patrons of the singing programme.

The programme is designed to support amateur singing in the region, creating a legacy for the future of choirs. Sing for All reached 1,500 people in 2010 in two projects.

Tickets for Monday's concert are priced £5 (plus transaction fee) are available from the box office on 0121 780 3333 or via www.thsh.co.uk website.

Twin roles in a theatre classic

STOURBRIDGE Theatre Company is on the lookout for male twins to star in its production of the dramatic musical Blood Brothers.

The group is preparing to perform Willy Russell's popular West End hit in November and are starting rehearsals soon.

They are hoping to find twins - or at least two very similar looking men - aged

around 25 to 30-years-old.

Open auditions are being held for the parts of Eddie and Mickey at St Joseph's RC Primary School in Lea Vale Road, Norton, Stourbridge, and the auditions will be on Monday, July 11, at 7.30pm.

The play will be staged at Stourbridge Town Hall, from November 24 to 26.

Further information about the play and parts available it, call 01562 885578.

Second helpings of Dinner

VICTORIA Wood's popular TV sit-com Dinnerladies makes the transition to stage with Andrew Dunn and Sue Devany reprising their telly roles at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday, July 18, to Saturday, July 23.



Staffordshire County Councillor Patrick Corfield takes a close look at the exhibition of Anglo-Saxon gold

Golden hoard of Mercian treasure goes on tour of Staffordshire venues

TREASURES from the Staffordshire Hoard have gone on display in Stafford for the first time as the relics, valued at £3.3 million, go on tour.

More than 40 of the gold and silver items are being exhibited at the Shire Hall Gallery until July 24. They went on show last Saturday (July 2).

The Seventh Century relics were uncovered in a farmer's field at Hammerwich two years ago. It was the largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver ever unearthed.

The metal detector used to find them, by Terry Herbert, is also on display. The Hoard on Tour will move to Lich-

field Cathedral from July 30 to August 21 and then on to Tamworth Castle between August 27 and September 18.

The exhibition will also tell how archaeologists worked in secret to unearth the treasure.

Viewed

The exhibition can be viewed for free but 45-minute slots must be booked in advance at www.staffordshire.gov.uk /hoard or by calling the gallery on 01785 278345.

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00** River Cottage Extra. **11:30** Science Scan.
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garden. The kitchen, 9ft 7in by 9ft 5in, has a fine range of base and eye level units with roll-edge work surfaces, one and a half bowl stainless steel sink, integrated gas hob, electric oven with extractor and plumbing for automatic washing machine.

On the first floor, bedroom one - measuring 11ft 9in by 10ft 4in, has an en suite with white suite made up of walk-in shower, WC, hand wash basin and part-tiled walls.

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An OUTSTANDING, exceptionally stylish & tremendously upgraded, centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years. Well appointed accommodation includes entrance hall, spacious 23'6" through lounge (with 'light oak' feature overmantel) & double french doors to garden), separate dining room, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units incorporating granite worksurfaces & many integrated appliances, store. THREE DOUBLE & ONE SINGLE BEDROOMS (principal room with a fine range of 'Sharps' - New England fitted units), recently reappointed shower room with white suite, parking, delightful landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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WORDSLEY**30 Ashdown Drive**

A BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE which is superbly placed within sought after Rectoryfields, providing VERY WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: reception hall, full width lounge with feature fireplace, luxury refitted kitchen with integrated appliances and dining room area off, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS (one with built in wardrobes) and luxury refitted bathroom with Spa bath. Whilst enjoying a cul de sac position the property is further enhanced by the front lawn with DRIVEWAY, CARPORT, GARAGE and to the rear enjoying a BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN which enjoys a secluded rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £156,950

KINGSWINFORD**1 Pinewood Walk**

A GOOD SIZED MODERN DETACHED BUNGALOW which enjoys a delightful location, close to shops/ amenities within sought after Blandford Mere, offering a DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS layout which requires some updating, including STORAGE HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Reception Hall, Large Lounge with dining area, Kitchen, TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and Bathroom. The bungalow is set beyond the front garden/ lawn, has an attractively laid out rear garden and GARAGE also situated to the rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £156,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

KINGSWINFORD**114 Oregon Close**

Enjoying a DELIGHTFUL REAR OUTLOOK to a beautiful meadow situated directly beyond, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED and ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME is very well placed upon Crestwood Park and offers an IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, very spacious & attractive lounge, separate dining room area, extended breakfast kitchen, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS and beautifully re-appointed bathroom. Set back beyond an attractive low maintenance foregarden, together with the BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to the GARAGE and enjoying a VERY PLEASANT REAR GARDEN which enjoys the afternoon sun. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £144,950

KINGSWINFORD**45 Oak Street**

An EXPENSIVELY IMPROVED and IMMACULATE PERIOD END TERRACE which is superbly located within walking distance of Kingswinford, having been, in recent years, COMPREHENSIVELY and BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED throughout, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: large attractive lounge with log burner, separate formal dining room/second sitting room, luxury fitted kitchen with built in appliances, spacious refitted bathroom with separate walk in shower, cellar and TWO LARGE DOUBLE BEDROOMS. This superb property is further enhanced the SUNNY & LARGE REAR GARDEN with decking and generous lawns. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £143,950

COSELEY**Shakespear Close**

Situated in a quiet cul de sac, this uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, spacious through lounge/dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £132,950

COSELEY**Andersleigh Drive**

An exceptionally well presented & tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler), uPVC double glazed intermediate 'starter home' in favoured cul de sac with panoramic distant views from the rear. The meticulously presented accommodation includes entrance hallway, elegant lounge, transverse refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of 'broad oak' effect units, integrated appliances & double french doors out to garden. THREE BEDROOMS, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white contemporary look suite, parking to front, lengthy rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £116,950

DUDLEY**Dibdale Street**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A comparatively spacious, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED interwar semi detached of character with potential. A number of period features remain, and the accommodation includes: glazed porch, imposing reception hall, walk in store, lounge with bay, separate dining room, kitchen, outer store. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Off road parking (kerb dropped), and lengthy secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £110,000

NETHERTON**BAPTIST END ROAD**

Having been the subject of a complete scheme of modernisation by the current vendors, this gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed, modern style three bedroomed semi detached property offers family sized accommodation which comprises: hall, lounge, re-fitted kitchen/diner, guest w.c., three first floor bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom with shower, landscaped rear garden, parking to the front, rear aces with allocated space for garage. Realistically priced, available with no upward chain. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

offers around £109,950

QUARRY BANK**Birch Avenue**

Having undergone a comprehensive scheme of modernisation and improvement, this traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, two bedroomed semi detached property is beautifully presented throughout, and is well worthy of internal inspection. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, accommodation briefly comprises: entrance hall, extended through lounge/dining room, re-fitted kitchen, two good bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom with white suite, and gardens to front and rear. BRIERLEY HILL, 01384 265265

Offers Around £89,950

TRYSULL**NEW PRICE**

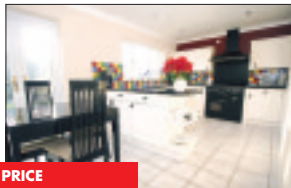
A MOST DECEPTIVE and SUBSTANTIAL EXTENDED PERIOD DETACHED COTTAGE which enjoys a superb position within sought after Trysull, offering RECENTLY and BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED accommodation all of which is VERY SPACIOUS throughout including CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: entrance porch, large sitting room, separate dining room, superb large conservatory extension, refitted kitchen, utility, boiler room/office, w.c., FOUR EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, bedrooms one and two with en suite shower rooms and a refitted house bathroom. The property is further enhanced by the DRIVEWAY, DOUBLE GARAGE, additional side driveway and DELIGHTFUL REAR GARDEN with patio, lawns and decking/balcony all backing onto paddock/ fields. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £399,950

'Jacol' Bell Road**WALL HEATH VILLAGE****NEW PRICE**

Forming one of David Payne's larger flagship designs, this SUBSTANTIAL DETACHED LICHFIELD DESIGN FAMILY HOME enjoys one of Wall Heath's most desirable locations within Heathbrook Farm, close to neighbouring countryside, and provides an EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS and VERY WELL PLANNED layout which has been recently BEAUTIFULLY REDECORATED and RE-APPOINTED to now provide a ready to move into arrangement of elegant accommodation, comprising: Recessed Porch, Through Reception Hall, Guests Cloaks/WC, large Lounge with walk-in bay, Dining Room, CONSERVATORY EXTENSION, large family Dining Kitchen, Laundry Room, impressive Gallery Landing, FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS (Master with refitted En-Suite Bathroom), refitted House Shower Room; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is further enhanced by the attractive front garden with BROAD DRIVEWAY, DOUBLE GARAGE and a very pleasant ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN which enjoys both a private and sunny rear aspect. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £369,950

8 Ostler Close**GOSPEL END VILLAGE****Penn Road**

An outstanding, exceptionally well presented & meticulously maintained, freehold, gas centrally & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow in favoured village setting within walking distance of Penn Common/open countryside, etc. Superb accommodation includes the entrance porch, central reception hall, elegant lounge with 'Minster' style fireplace, breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances. THREE BEDROOMS (two with fitted units & principal bedroom with spacious shower room en suite), bathroom, double garage, burglar alarm. Block paved driveway & secluded expertly landscaped gardens. Price to include many fittings. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £295,000

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6 LOCAL OFFICES WORKING HARDER FOR BUYERS & SELLERS**GORNAL / PENSNETT****22 Coopers Bank Road****£12,500 REDUCTION**

This BRAND NEW LUXURY FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE enjoys a prominent position adjoining Hunts Mill Drive with open front aspect and, fitted to a high specification with a REALLY SPACIOUS LAYOUT comprises: Canopy Porch, Main Hall plus inner hall with guest cloak/toilet off, SPLENDID 17'4 x 14'6 LOUNGE with walk-in bay, double doors to SPACIOUS DINING ROOM-open to-FEATURE FITTED KITCHEN 20'3 x 10'8 offering ample formal dining area plus Cream shaker style Kitchen area with comprehensive integrated appliances, FOUR REALLY OUTSTANDING BEDROOMS, master 15'3 x 11'10 plus en-suite, Designer House Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING plus uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Block-Paved Drive/Parking, Integral CARPORT and SUNNY, SOUTHERLY REAR VIEWS OVER REAR GARDENS TO WOODLAND BEYOND. KINGSWINFORM OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £237,450 - PART EXCHANGE AVAILABLE

COSELEY**Catherine Road, Hurst Hill**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. AN EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed 4/5 bedroom detached providing extremely flexible room arrangements to suit a wide range of family requirements. Accommodation presently comprises entrance porch, imposing reception hall, fitted cloak/shower room, sitting room, further reception room (potential fifth bedroom), breakfast kitchen (with 'utility' - conservatory addition), 21ft lounge with patio doors, FOUR BEDROOMS (one with shower room en suite), reappointed bathroom with white suite. Extensive brick/block paved parking, DOUBLE GARAGE, gated hard standing, suitable for caravan, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in excess of £210,000

LOWER GORNAL**Ruiton Street**

AN OUTSTANDING, meticulously maintained, and significantly improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow presented in exemplary order throughout and comprising: entrance hallway, boiler/cloakroom, 20'9 living/dining room, inner hallway, store, reappointed shower room (former bathroom) with stylish white suite, two bedrooms, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'maple' effect units & various integrated appliances. Brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Extensive gated parking, neat landscaped garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,950

DUDLEY**Cowley Drive, Milking Bank**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This immaculately presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached family home has been significantly improved & updated by the present owners and is situated in a quiet cul de sac on the popular Milking Bank development. Internal inspection is strongly advised to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation which briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, splendid refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances, dining room, four good bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & lawned gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £185,950

KINGSWINFORM**£10,000 REDUCTION****126 kingsley Road**

Delightfully located within this noted tree-lined residential address off Cot Lane, this DISTINCTIVE, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE is the favoured larger design and enjoys MAGNIFICENT REAR VIEWS, offering: Porch, fine Hall, SPLENDID LARGE LOUNGE with bay, separate Dining Room with patio windows, REFITTED KITCHEN with walk-in pantry off rear Hall with Cloak/Toilet off, THREE EXCELLENT BEDROOMS, attractively refitted pastel cream Bathroom and DOUBLE GLAZING plus UPDATED GAS CENTRAL HEATING. Forelawn plus LONG DRIVE, PARKING, GARAGE and rear patio/lawns with distant views. KINGSWINFORM OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £184,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

LOWER GORNAL**Ruiton Street**

An PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS & exceptionally well presented, freehold, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated detached family home in popular convenient district with GOOD DISTANT VIEWS. Accommodation includes imposing 15'8" reception hall, fitted cloakroom, elegant 18'8" lounge with bay, sitting room (with patio doors to outside), well equipped 18'2" kitchen with an extensive range of units & various integrated appliances (defined laundry section). Four generous bedrooms (principal with shower room en suite & built in wardrobes), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950

DUDLEY**Aintree Way, Milking Bank**

A meticulously maintained, significantly enhanced, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated McLean built detached envitably situated with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS and comprising traditional reception hall, elegant 17ft lounge with bay & living flame gas fire, separate dining room (with double opening french doors to garden), upgraded kitchen, laundry, fitted cloakroom. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with mirrored wardrobes & reappointed shower room en suite), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, alarm system, expertly tended/ sheltered rear garden with many specimen plants. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950

KINGSWINFORM**NEW PRICE****43 Murdoch Drive**

Pleasantly and very conveniently located within this stylish modern development constructed by George Wimpy Homes, this VERY DECEPTIVE, BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED, MODERN THREE STOREY END TOWNHOUSE offers a VERY SPACIOUS and TASTEFULLY DECORATED layout of accommodation comprising: reception hall, SPLENDID LARGE LOUNGE with DINING AREA, attractively fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOMS (master with en-suite shower room and dressing area), well appointed classic white house bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set back beyond a DOUBLE WIDTH DRIVEWAY to the fore and enjoying a PLEASANTLY LANDSCAPED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORM OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £174,950

KINGSWINFORM**8 Green Lane**

Enjoying this very pleasant 'cul-de-sac' setting and enjoying a superb rear aspect BACKING ONTO OPEN PARK GROUNDS, this BEAUTIFULLY AND EXPENSIVELY IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL BAY FRONTED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers a VERY SPACIOUS and IMMACULATELY PRESENTED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious and attractive lounge, beautifully refitted luxury dining kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS and attractively refitted classic white bathroom. Set back beyond the LARGE AND IMPRESSIVE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with gated access to the GARAGE and BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN with gym / office at the rear of the garage. KINGSWINFORM OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £174,950

KINGSWINFORM**£5,000 REDUCTION****212 Lesley Drive**

Superbly located, just off Stream Road, within this popular location, this SUBSTANTIAL, MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME affords a PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS LAYOUT of accommodation, which is GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED throughout, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and CAVITY WALL INSULATION and comprising: reception hall, LARGE ATTRACTIVE LOUNGE with DINING AREA 27'8" x 10'11", garden room, WELL APPOINTED KITCHEN with integrated appliances, FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and 'Classic White' bathroom. Set back beyond a VERY LARGE 'COTTSWOLD' CHIPPED DRIVEWAY (with ample SPACE for a CARAVAN if required) with approach to GARAGE and enjoying a PRIVATE AND SECURED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORM OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £169,950

SEDGLEY**Arcal Street**

RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED A distinctive, particularly stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached (with potential garage space) in a particularly convenient established district within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, schools & all associated amenities. The house is covered by NHBC guarantee and comprises imposing reception hall, fitted cloak/shower room, through lounge, well equipped kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances & a utility room beyond. Three bedrooms, bathroom, neat secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950

TIPTON**NEW PRICE****Hartland Road**

Enviably situated in a pleasant cul-de-sac; this most distinctive, double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom detached family that would now benefit from sympathetic cosmetic improvement works, yet offers excellent potential. The deceptively spacious accommodation briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, guest w.c., living room, dining room, kitchen. Three good bedrooms, bathroom with separate w.c., Garage, block paved driveway, and a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950

LOWER GORNAL**Wordsworth Road, Straits**

AN EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached family home in favoured district within walking distance of country park/schools/post office/bus route, etc. Accommodation provides entrance vestibule, reception hall, lounge, dining room with patio doors, kitchen, FOUR BEDROOMS, bathroom, lengthy garage, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950

DUDLEY**Priory Road**

An extremely SPACIOUS, significantly EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached presented in superb order throughout & enably situated overlooking park. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing reception hall with stylish shower room/w.c., leading off, magnificent 28'8" through living room (formerly separate rooms) with bay & patio doors, separate dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, FOUR BEDROOMS (possibility of sub-division?), bathroom with white suite, LARGE GARAGE (with laundry section), delightful gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £168,500

LOWER GORNAL**NEW PRICE****Keats Close, Straits**

A superb, significantly enhanced & refurbished, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow occupying larger than average garden and with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS from rear and positioned within walking distance of open fields / country park / shops and post office. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, transverse lounge, reappointed/enlarged bathroom, upgraded breakfast kitchen with integrated appliances, two double bedrooms. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £164,950

WOLVERHAMPTON**Dovedale Road, Ettingshall Park**

A TREMENDOUSLY IMPROVED, modernised & upgraded, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached in popular neighbourhood. Accommodation comprises enlarged reception hall, lounge with bay, reappointed/fitted cloakroom, separate dining room with patio doors, enlarged/refitted kitchen with integrated appliances. Three bedrooms (third bedroom enlarged into eaves), stylish reappointed bathroom with white suite/shower, garage, good sized garden, distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £164,950

LOWER GORNAL**Cinder Road**

RARE OPPORTUNITY, a delightful conscientiously maintained, recently uPVC double glazed & also gas centrally heated semi detached of character with TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL on periphery of well regarded village. Accommodation provides reception hall, store, large L-shape living/dining room (previously separate rooms), kitchen, rear lobby, boiler room, separate w.c., outer double glazed porch, utility room. Three well proportioned bedrooms, recently reappointed bathroom with contemporary look white suite. Lengthy 32ft carport, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £160,000

COSELEY**The Paddock**

A most impressive, exceptionally well presented & tremendously improved, modern style, gas centrally heated & vast majority uPVC double glazed link detached family home situated in a quiet cul de sac. In the agents opinion, an internal inspection is vital to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation which comprises entrance hall, living room, splendid refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of units, CONSERVATORY, utility room, guest w.c. three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, block paved driveway & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £158,950

TIPTON**NEW PRICE****Sedgley Road West**

AN EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed Edwardian semi detached of tremendous character with many fine period features. To the ground floor, entrance vestibule, lengthy reception hall, sitting room with bay, separate lounge, useful cellar, kitchen. To the first floor, three bedrooms & a bathroom. To the second floor, garley landing & double bedroom 4. Fine corner plot, secure gated parking and LARGE DOUBLE CONTRACTOR'S GARAGE. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950



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6 LOCAL OFFICES WORKING HARDER FOR BUYERS & SELLERS**WOLVERHAMPTON**

Tynedale Crescent, Ettingshall Park
VENDORS ADVISE 'NO UPWARD CHAIN'. A freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly double glazed semi detached excellently situated in "quiet backwater" upon popular estate. Accommodation comprises; enlarged porch, reception hall, dining room with bay, lounge with bay (and open fire), enlarged kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom, Garage, garden, block paved double driveway. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £154,950

KINGSWINFORD

16 Cottage Street
Superbly located within this highly sought after and established location, this EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, PERIOD SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers an INCREDIBLY GENEROUS LAYOUT of accommodation which retains much of its original character and charm and comprising; spacious lounge, inner hall, large separate formal dining room, ground floor w.c., collar, fitted kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, spacious bathroom with separate shower, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property benefits a PARTIALLY SHELTERED DRIVEWAY which approaches a SUBSTANTIAL WOODEN GARAGE & STORE and to the rear enjoys a VERY LARGE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777
Price: £151,950

WORDSLEY

12 The Green, Bells Lane
This MOST DISTINCTIVE AND VERY DECEPTIVE, BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED 3 STOREY FAMILY SIZED MID TOWNHOUSE enjoys SPLENDID VIEWS TO KING GEORGE V PARK OPPOSITE and combines EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS accommodation with an ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED and TASTEFULLY DECORATED layout including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising; 17 x reception hall, ground floor guests cloakroom w.c., attractive lounge, generous conservatory, luxury breakfast kitchen with built in appliances, THREE LARGE DOUBLE BEDROOMS master with fitted wardrobes and an en suite shower/dressing room off and house bathroom. Small landscaped front garden, ATTRACTIVE REAR GARDEN with patio and lawns and CAR PARKING to the rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777
Price: £149,950

WOODSETTON

Sedgley Road
A stylish, significantly modernised & enhanced, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached conveniently situated within walking distance of day-to-day shops, bus routes, schools & open space. Presented in superb order throughout and conscientiously maintained, the accommodation provides entrance hallway with cloak cupboard, 16th lounge, superb transverse dining kitchen with a fine range of units, wood block work surfaces, various integrated appliances, double opening UPVC French doors out to the garden, parking. Three bedrooms, appointed bathroom with white suite. Delightful landscaped sheltered rear garden with decking, brick GARAGE and AMPLE PARKING POTENTIAL beyond. Leasehold - vendor awaiting reply from freeholders on cost of freehold. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Price: £145,000

KINGSWINFORD

32 Summer Street
A MOST DECEPTIVE and CHARMING PERIOD SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE which is superbly located within Kingswinford's old quarter within walking distance of the heart of the village, offering a BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED and SURPRISINGLY SPACIOUS layout, which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising Large attractive Lounge with log burner, separate Dining Room, luxury fitted kitchen, refitted Bathroom with white suite, TWO SUPERB BEDROOMS (Master with En-Suite Shower Room) and stairs to LARGE ATTIC ROOM. The property is set back beyond a small level frontage and to the rear enjoying a LARGE and ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777
Price: £144,950

DUDLEY

Vanborough Walk, London Heights
Tremendously improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed DETACHED upon wider than average plot at head of cul de sac with excellent distant views. Superb accommodation includes entrance vestibule, reception hall, 24'3" through living/dining room (possibilities of sub-division), refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, transverse brick/UPVC double glazed 17'2" utility room. Three bedrooms (one with a fine range of professionally installed 'beech' effect units, bathroom, GARAGE, extensive secluded side garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £141,950

DUDLEY

Old Park Road
A most attractive, tremendously EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed traditional DETACHED that has been conscientiously maintained and significantly improved over the years. Accommodation includes enlarged porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, extended rear lounge, LARGE DINING KITCHEN with an extensive range of units, fitted cloakroom. To the first floor are three bedrooms (two with wardrobes) and re-fitted bathroom with white suite. Garage, well tended/securely fenced rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £139,950

WOODSETTON

Park Road
An ENLARGED/appreciably spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated (comb boiler) & UPVC double glazed family home within walking distance of so many amenities, shops, municipal park, etc. The flexible room arrangements include reception hall, 23'4" through living/dining room (previously separate rooms) with double opening french doors out to garden, upgraded kitchen, lobby, utility room, store. To the first floor is a gallery landing (scope for 'office alcove'), two double bedrooms, appointed bathroom, separate toilet. Loft conversion providing small landing & a dormer bedroom 1 (valux skylights). Off road parking to front, good size level rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £135,450

SEDGLEY

Gibbons Hill Road
TREMENDOUSLY IMPROVED, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily UPVC double glazed semi detached excellently situated close to 'The Balcon' open space and comprising entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, recently refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'antique pine' finish units with integrated appliances, pantry, separate dining room (with patio doors out to the garden), three bedrooms (one with double wardrobe), appointed bathroom with white suite, through lobby with two stores & a separate w.c., GARAGE, secluded good size rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £133,000

SEDGLEY

Bilston Street
Conveniently situated within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring & all associated amenities, a PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed SEMI DETACHED that has been significantly modernised & improved in recent years & the superb well presented accommodation includes dining room with walk in bay, understairs store, transverse living room with 'living flame' feature gas fire, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, appointed bathroom with white suite. Three generously proportioned bedrooms (one with fitted units), delightful secluded level rear garden with secure gated PARKING (for two vehicles) at rear. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £129,950

WORDSLEY

38 Sandfield Road
A SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED and ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is well placed within this popular and established location, convenient for local shops available within the road and offering a VERY SPACIOUS and VERY WELL PROPORTIONED LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising; entrance porch, reception hall, well proportioned lounge, separate formal dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, ground floor w.c., THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and classic white bathroom. Set back beyond the LARGE PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach the GARAGE and enjoying a PLEASANT REAR GARDEN with patio / lawn with a PRIVATE REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777
Price: £122,500

COSELEY

Clifton Street, Hurst Hill
VENDOR ADVISES NO UPWARD CHAIN. A comparatively SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed traditional end terrace of character that has been conscientiously maintained & TREMENDOUSLY IMPROVED in recent years conveniently situated backing onto allotments at rear with distant views. Accommodation provides dining room with OPEN FIREPLACE, store, lounge with 'living flame' feature fireplace, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units, lobby, recently appointed bathroom with stylish white suite. THREE BEDROOMS, neat sheltered rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £119,950

SEDGLEY

Arcal Street
A CONVENIENTLY SITUATED, Freehold, gas centrally heated & either secondary or sealed unit double glazed semi detached within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, and all associated amenities/schools etc. Accommodation includes; entrance porch, reception hall, transverse lounge/dining room, breakfast kitchen. Three well proportioned bedrooms (one with fitted wardrobes), bathroom, Garage, car port, driveway & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £119,000

COSELEY

Anvil Crescent
NO UPWARD CHAIN/REMARKABLE VALUE/LOW MAINTENANCE. Enjoying an open aspect to the front, this beautifully presented, modern style, UPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated three bedroom semi detached home is well worthy of internal inspection. The property briefly comprises entrance hall, stylish lounge, dining room, kitchen with a fine range of units, THREE BEDROOMS, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £114,000

COSELEY

Avenue Road
NO UPWARD CHAIN. This traditional style, vast majority UPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached home is conveniently situated for local amenities and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. The property, which would now ideally benefit from sympathetic improvement/upgrading, briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, garage, driveway & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £109,950

LOWER GORNAL

Brook Street
A comparatively SPACIOUS, modernised & improved, EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated traditional intermediate terrace of character excellently situated within walking distance of the village. Stylish well presented accommodation includes superb 20'4" lounge, large transverse dining kitchen with an extensive range of 'first quality' units & a verandah beyond. Two generous double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £108,500

LOWER GORNAL

Pennine Drive
This well presented, surprisingly spacious, UPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated end townhouse is situated in a relatively quiet backwater whilst remaining convenient for local amenities & is sure to appeal to both first time buyers & young families. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, stylish lounge, breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, guest w.c., three good bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £106,950

DUDLEY

Highland Road
This immaculately presented, UPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated end townhouse has been considerably improved & maintained by the current owner and is sure to appeal to first time buyers. The stylish accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, living room, breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, two bedrooms (principal bedroom with built-in wardrobes), refitted bathroom with white suite, allocated parking, pleasant low maintenance rear garden with further 'secret garden' beyond. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £104,950

COSELEY

Dimmocks Avenue
A traditional, freehold, gas centrally heated inter-war semi detached of character and providing significant potential. Conveniently situated within walking distance of bus/rail transport routes, shops, schools etc., the accommodation includes porch, reception hall, pantry, lounge with bay, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms (two with extensive range of fitted wardrobes), bathroom, garage, delightful secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £99,950

RUSSELLS HALL

Ketley Hill Road
A DELIGHTFUL MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is very well located within the very popular Russells Hall development, offering a SPACIOUS and VERY WELL PRESENTED layout of accommodation which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, comprising; entrance porch, full width lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS and refitted bathroom. The property is set back beyond the attractively maintained front gardens and to the rear enjoying a very pleasant enclosed garden with store. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265
Offers Around £96,950

KINGSWINFORD

17 Mimosa Walk
This DELIGHTFUL and SPACIOUS GROUND FLOOR SELF-CONTAINED APARTMENT offers bungalow style living within popular Blanford Mere, just a pleasant walk from amenities and, with RECENT EXPENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS offers: Private Hall, SPLENDID 16'4" x 12' LOUNGE, Inner Hall, attractive fitted kitchen, SPACIOUS DOUBLE BEDROOM with wardrobes and French door to garden, LUXURY REFITTED DESIGNER BATHROOM and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Corner position with front and side lawns, small patio/lawned rear garden and GARAGE directly to rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777
Price: £89,950

COSELEY

Bank Street
A tremendously modernised, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED traditional intermediate terrace in superb order. Stylish accommodation includes lounge, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, two good bedrooms, bathroom with white contemporary suite, neat garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £93,500

COSELEY

Norton Crescent
This well presented, UPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home is situated in an established residential location and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, living room, dining kitchen, guest w.c., three bedrooms, appointed rear room, garage, driveway & low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
Offers in the region of £89,950

NETHERTON

Yew Tree Road
This gas centrally heated mid town house offers three bedroomed family accommodation which comprises: hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, three bedrooms, garden to the rear, new A rated boiler in 2009. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265
Offers around £89,950

DUDLEY

Attingham Drive, "Sovereign Heights"
RARE OPPORTUNITY. A comparatively spacious, modern & particularly stylish, UPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated end starter home providing a rare opportunity to purchase under the Midland Heart Housing Association's SHARED OWNERSHIP scheme whereby present vendor's 50% SHARE is available. Superb accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, spacious dining kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, store, rear lobby, separate toilet, THREE BEDROOMS, bathroom. Burglar alarm installed, garden, TWO ALLOCATED PARKING SPACES. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888
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Tipton KEYWORTH CLOSE



An immaculate two bedroom semi detached house located on Standeridge Park with porch, hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, en-suite to master bedroom, driveway and a larger than average garden. Viewing is essential

£119,950

Tipton SEFTON GROVE



Located on Burberry Grange estate this one bedroom end terrace house briefly comprises of lounge, dining kitchen, garage, driveway and gardens to front and rear

£74,950

SEDGLEY Monument Lane



An extended four bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, driveway and gardens to front and rear

£114,950

DUDLEY Southgate Way



A well presented one bedroom apartment located on the first floor with open plan lounge with kitchen area, jack and jill bathroom, allocated parking and a secure entry system. Viewing is essential

£69,950

TIVIDALE Wheatsheaf Road



An impressive three bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility area, downstairs toilet, garden to the rear and a private road leading to the garage and rear

£99,950

Oldbury VICARAGE STREET



A three bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge, dining kitchen and gardens to front and rear

£94,950

NETHERTON Swan Street



A four bedroom spacious home with two reception rooms, breakfast kitchen, downstairs wc, garage, driveway and garden to rear

£129,950

TIVIDALE Timothy Road



A three bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge with dining area, breakfast kitchen, downstairs wc, garage, gardens to front and rear and driveway

£119,950

Netherton BAPTIST END ROAD



Four bedroom detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, downstairs wc, garage, rear garden, driveway to the front and side and potential for an extension/double garage subject to planning.

£200,000 o/o

COSELEY Penwood Gardens



A two bedroom semi detached house with hallway, lounge, kitchen, garden to the rear and parking to the rear

£104,950

SEDGLEY Queens Road



A traditional style semi detached house with hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs wc, garage, two double bedrooms and a further study room currently used as a nursery, driveway and gardens to front and rear

£142,000

DUDLEY Eve Lane



A rare opportunity to purchase either a plot of land with planning permission for a two/three bedroom bungalow or the owner is willing to build the bungalow for you. For further details please call the office. Prices from £65,000 to £165,000.

£65,000

Tividale CALIFORNIA ROAD



A three bedroom semi detached house with lounge, dining room, dining kitchen, garage, gardens to front and rear and driveway

£94,950

Dudley TANSEY GREEN ROAD



A two bedroom well presented semi detached house with hallway, lounge, kitchen, garden to rear and garage

£99,950

BRIERLEY HILL Lisko Close



A spacious attractive family home located on the popular "Clockfields" estate. The house briefly comprises of hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, downstairs wc, ensuite to master bedroom, garage, driveway and gardens to front and rear

£215,000

TIPTON Oak Close



A nicely presented one bedroom ground floor flat. Fitted kitchen with built in oven, double glazing, storage heating. Parking to the front. No DSS, available now.

£ 375 PCM

BRIERLEY HILL Bagleys Road



A one bedroom first floor flat. Having storage heating, lounge, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom. Allocated parking, unfurnished. Available now.

£375 PCM

DUDLEY Ivanhoe Street



A three bedroom terrace house, two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, double glazing and central heating. Unfurnished, available now. DSS considered with guarantor

£450 PCM

DUDLEY Kennedy Crescent



A two bedroom ground floor masonette having lounge with dining area, fitted kitchen, garden to rear. Available now

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DUDLEY Southgate Way



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£460 PCM

DUDLEY Hideric Crescent



A beautifully presented first floor masonette having double glazing and central heating. Open plan lounge/diner, modern fitted kitchen. Part or unfurnished, available now.

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WEDNESBURY Goldby Drive



A modern two bedroom first floor apartment having lounge, kitchen/diner. Double glazing and storage heating. Available June 2011.

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SEDGLEY Kingfisher Way



A modern two bedroom top floor apartment. Near Tipton town centre. Having double, open plan lounge/kitchen/dinner. Allocated parking, secure entry. Available now.

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TIPTON Bonneville Close



A modern two bedroom second floor apartment. Lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower. Allocated parking, secure entry. Available August 2011, No DSS.

£500 PCM

Bilston BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD



A modern two bedroom second floor apartment. Having fully fitted kitchen with integral appliances. Master bedroom with ensuite/shower. Secure parking, available July 2011. No DSS

£525 PCM

DUDLEY High Street



A newly renovated first floor apartment with central heating. Open plan fitted kitchen/lounge. Two double bedrooms, secure entry. Available now, unfurnished.

£525 PCM

DUDLEY Spring Parklands



A three bedroom semi detached house with garage. Having two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, downstairs w/c. Garden to rear, unfurnished. No DSS, available for long term let.

£525 PCM

ROWLEY REGIS Powke Lane



A refurbished three bedroom terraced house having double glazing and central heating, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen. Lovely garden to rear with patio, unfurnished, available now.

£550 PCM

DUDLEY Marmion Grove



A three bedroom semi detached house having two reception rooms, kitchen, house bathroom, large enclosed rear garden. Garage and off street parking to front. Unfurnished, available now. DSS considered with guarantor.

£570 PCM

Amblecote DENNIS HALL ROAD



A nicely presented three bedroom semi detached house. Lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, enclosed rear garden, off street parking. Available now. No DSS

£595 PCM

NETHERTON, DUDLEY Halesowen Road



A shared furnished bedsit having three self contained bedsits in the house. Lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen. Central heating and double glazing. Available now. DSS considered with guarantor.

£595 PCM

BRIERLEY HILL Madison Avenue



A three bedroom townhouse having two reception rooms, fitted kitchen, double glazing and central heating. House bathroom and en-suite to master bedroom. Allocated parking, available now. NO DSS

£600 PCM

Dudley FARTHING COURT, OFF JUNCTION STREET



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Price: £239,950

KINGSWINFORD**9 Carnforth Close**

An IMMACULATE MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME which enjoys a highly sought after location within Branswood/Branscroft, close to countryside, offering a GENEROUS and BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED layout which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Reception Hall, Large lounge, full width luxury re-fitted kitchen with built in appliances and DINING AREA, LARGE CONSERVATORY, THREE BEDROOMS and REFITTED BATHROOM. The property is set beyond the LONG DRIVEWAY/ front lawn with GARAGE and an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £214,950

WORDSLEY**16 Auckland Road**

AN EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS and BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED, MODERN, THREE STOREY TOWNHOUSE which is a former show home and only approximately two year's old, forming part of an exciting and new modern development and offering an INCREDIBLY GENEROUS LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor w.c., very spacious lounge with ample dining space, attractively fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, FOUR EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS (master with an EN-SUITE SHOWER ROOM) and classic white house bathroom. Benefiting a GARAGE to the rear together with ALLOCATED OFF-ROAD PARKING and enjoying an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £192,500

KINGSWINFORD**32 Murdoch Drive**

THE VERY DECEPTIVE, INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS and MOST ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED, MODERN THREE STOREY TOWNHOUSE is conveniently located within this highly sought after modern development, offering an EXTREMELY GENEROUS LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor w.c., very large lounge with ample dining space, attractively fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE EXCEPTIONAL SIZED BEDROOMS (master having an en-suite dressing area and shower room) and house bathroom. Enjoying the use of an ALLOCATED OFF-ROAD PARKING SPACE located in front of the GARAGE, within a small paved forecourt and enjoying a LARGE ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN with PARKING / GARAGE to the rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £173,950

WALL HEATH VILLAGE**48 Cross Street**

Occupying a superb 'corner' position in this highly sought after location within Wall Heath village, this SUCCESSFULLY ALTERED AND IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers an EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS and WELL APPOINTED arrangement of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, very spacious lounge, separate dining room area, fitted kitchen, utility room, study / office, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, beautifully re-appointed bathroom and SUPERB LOFT. Set back beyond a black paved forecourt and enjoying a LARGE ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN with PARKING / GARAGE to the rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £169,950

DUDLEY**Cowley Drive, Milking Bank**

An OUTSTANDING, exceptionally stylish & tremendously upgraded, centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years. Well appointed accommodation includes entrance hall, spacious 23'6" through lounge (with 'light oak' feature overmantel & double french doors to garden), separate dining room, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units incorporating granite worksurfaces & many integrated appliances, store. THREE DOUBLE & ONE SINGLE BEDROOMS (principal room with a fine range of 'Sharps' - New England fitted units), recently reappointed shower room with white suite, parking, delightful landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £164,950

WORDSLEY**30 Ashdown Drive**

A BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE which is superbly placed within sought after Rectoryfields, providing VERY WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: reception hall, full width lounge with feature fireplace, luxury refitted kitchen with integrated appliances and dining room area off, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS (one with built in wardrobes) and luxury refitted bathroom with Spa bath. Whilst enjoying a cul de sac position the property is further enhanced by the front lawn with DRIVEWAY, CARPORT, GARAGE and to the rear enjoying a BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN which enjoys a secluded rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £156,950

KINGSWINFORD**1 Pinewood Walk**

A GOOD SIZED MODERN DETACHED BUNGALOW which enjoys a delightful location, close to shops/ amenities within sought after Blandford Mere, offering a DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS layout which requires some updating, including STORAGE HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Reception Hall, Large Lounge with dining area, Kitchen, TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and Bathroom. The bungalow is set beyond the front garden/ lawn, has an attractively laid out rear garden and GARAGE also situated to the rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £156,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

KINGSWINFORD**114 Oregon Close**

Enjoying a DELIGHTFUL REAR OUTLOOK to a beautiful meadow situated directly beyond, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME is very well placed upon Crestwood Park and offers an IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, very spacious & attractive lounge, separate dining room area, extended breakfast kitchen, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS and beautifully re-appointed bathroom. Set back beyond an attractive low maintenance foregarden, together with the BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to the GARAGE and enjoying a VERY PLEASANT REAR GARDEN which enjoys the afternoon sun. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £144,950

KINGSWINFORD**45 Oak Street**

An EXPENSIVELY IMPROVED and IMMACULATE PERIOD END TERRACE which is superbly located within walking distance of Kingswinford, having been, in recent years, COMPREHENSIVELY and BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED throughout, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: large attractive lounge with log burner, separate formal dining room/second sitting room, luxury fitted kitchen with built in appliances, spacious refitted bathroom with separate walk in shower, cellar and TWO LARGE DOUBLE BEDROOMS. This superb property is further enhanced the SUNNY & LARGE REAR GARDEN with decking and generous lawns. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £143,950

COSELEY**Shakespeare Close**

Situated in a quiet cul de sac, this uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hall, spacious through lounge/dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £132,950

COSELEY**Andersleigh Drive**

An exceptionally well presented & tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi boiler), uPVC double glazed intermediate 'starter home' in favoured cul de sac with panoramic distant views from the rear. The meticulously presented accommodation includes entrance hallway, elegant lounge, transverse refitted dining kitchen with a fine range of 'broad oak' effect units, integrated appliances & double french doors out to garden. THREE BEDROOMS, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white contemporary look suite, parking to front, lengthy rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £116,950

DUDLEY**Dibdale Street**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A comparatively spacious, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED interwar semi detached of character with potential. A number of period features remain, and the accommodation includes: glazed porch, imposing reception hall, walk in store, lounge with bay, separate dining room, kitchen, outer store. Three bedrooms, bathroom. Off road parking (kerb dropped), and lengthy secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £110,000

NETHERTON**BAPTIST END ROAD**

Having been the subject of a complete scheme of modernisation by the current vendors, this gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed, modern style three bedroomed semi detached property offers family sized accommodation which comprises: hall, lounge, re-fitted kitchen/diner, guest w.c., three first floor bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom with shower, landscaped rear garden, parking to the front, rear aces with allocated space for garage. Realistically priced, available with no upward chain. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

offers around £109,950

QUARRY BANK**Birch Avenue**

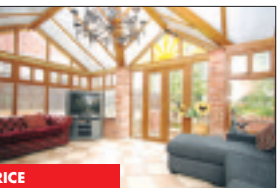
Having undergone a comprehensive scheme of modernisation and improvement, this traditional style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow in favoured village setting within walking distance of Penn Common/open countryside, etc. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, central reception hall, elegant lounge with 'Minster' style fireplace, breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances. THREE BEDROOMS (two with fitted units & principal bedroom with spacious shower room en suite), bathroom, double garage, burglar alarm. Block paved driveway & secluded expertly landscaped gardens. Price to include many fittings. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers Around £89,950

TRYSULL**NEW PRICE**

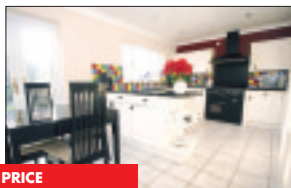
A MOST DECEPTIVE and SUBSTANTIAL EXTENDED PERIOD DETACHED COTTAGE which enjoys a superb position within sought after Trysull, offering RECENTLY and BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED accommodation all of which is VERY SPACIOUS throughout including CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: entrance porch, large sitting room, separate dining room, superb large conservatory extension, refitted kitchen, utility, boiler room/office, w.c., FOUR EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, bedrooms one and two with en suite shower rooms and a refitted house bathroom. The property is further enhanced by the DRIVEWAY, DOUBLE GARAGE, additional side driveway and DELIGHTFUL REAR GARDEN with patio, lawns and decking/balcony all backing onto paddock/ fields. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £399,950

'Jacol' Bell Road**WALL HEATH VILLAGE****NEW PRICE**

Forming one of David Payne's larger flagship designs, this SUBSTANTIAL DETACHED LICHFIELD DESIGN FAMILY HOME enjoys one of Wall Heath's most desirable locations within Heathbrook Farm, close to neighbouring countryside, and provides an EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS and VERY WELL PLANNED layout which has been recently BEAUTIFULLY REDECORATED and RE-APPOINTED to now provide a ready to move into arrangement of elegant accommodation, comprising: Recessed Porch, Through Reception Hall, Guests Cloaks/WC, large Lounge with walk-in bay, Dining Room, CONSERVATORY EXTENSION, large family Dining Kitchen, Laundry Room, impressive Gallery Landing, FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS (Master with refitted En-Suite Bathroom), refitted House Shower Room; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is further enhanced by the attractive front garden with BROAD DRIVEWAY, DOUBLE GARAGE and a very pleasant ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN which enjoys both a private and sunny rear aspect. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £369,950

8 Ostler Close**GOSPEL END VILLAGE****Penn Road**

An outstanding, exceptionally well presented & meticulously maintained, freehold, gas centrally & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow in favoured village setting within walking distance of Penn Common/open countryside, etc. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, central reception hall, elegant lounge with 'Minster' style fireplace, breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances. THREE BEDROOMS (two with fitted units & principal bedroom with spacious shower room en suite), bathroom, double garage, burglar alarm. Block paved driveway & secluded expertly landscaped gardens. Price to include many fittings. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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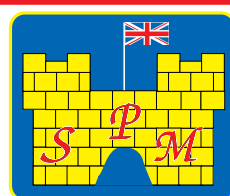


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TIPTON



AVERN CLOSE

£360 pcm

Purpose built flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom with Shower, Electric Heating, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished, Allocated Parking

WORDSLEY



BELLE VUE

£550 pcm

Terrace Property, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Two Double Bedrooms, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Carpets & Curtains, Unfurnished, Rear Garden

NETHERTON



BOURNEBROOK CLOSE

£550 pcm

End Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens, Off Road Parking, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished, Double Glazing

TIVIDALE



ASHTREE ROAD

£395 pcm

Purpose Built Flat, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Allocated Parking, Communal Grounds

DUDLEY



BOURNE STREET

£395 pcm

Modern Apartment, Lounge, Kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms, electric heating, allocated parking, Unfurnished, carpets and curtains.

WORDSLEY



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A stunning location with far reaching views to the Cleve Hills this deceptively spacious dormer bungalow has just under 3,500sq.ft of living area. Internally the accommodation briefly comprises impressive reception hall, three reception rooms, breakfast kitchen, utility, six bedrooms and two bathrooms. Surrounding landscaped gardens, outdoor heated swimming pool and triple garage with further store rooms. BRIDGNORTH OFFICE

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**THE MANDARIN HOUSE, KNOWLE
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Enjoying landscaped grounds of over 2 acres and views of the river Severn and Severn Valley Railway, the property has been designed with a contemporary feel and great flair to capture the natural light using large windows and first floor balconies. Planning permission has been passed for further extensions to the already 2900sqft of living accommodation, complimented by an outdoor all weather tennis court and heated swimming pool. BRIDGNORTH OFFICE

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**THE GRANARY, COTON
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An extravagant detached barn conversion enjoying spectacular views across the Shropshire hills and beyond. The property creates the ideal family home enjoying approximately two acres of garden and paddocks with stabling and garage block. Accommodation includes reception hall, living room, sitting room, breakfast kitchen, utility, guest cloakroom, four bedrooms and two bathrooms. BRIDGNORTH OFFICE

OFFERS AROUND £725,000

**LITTLE GABLES, SEISDON ROAD
SEISDON**



Standing privately this detached dormer bungalow offers versatile accommodation comprising four reception rooms, breakfast kitchen, utility, study, conservatory, two ground floor bedrooms, en-suite and family bathroom. To the first floor are three further bedrooms and shower room. Detached leisure room with swimming pool, changing facilities/sauna (in need of renovation) and double garage. Surrounding landscaped gardens. BRIDGNORTH OFFICE

OFFERS AROUND £695,000

**GREEN LEIGH, QUATFORD
BRIDGNORTH**



This large property has flexible living accommodation that could cater for three self contained living areas - interconnecting, or alternatively be used as a large family residence. Just on the outskirts of the historic Market Town Bridgnorth, Green Leigh has open aspects to the River Severn: Three kitchens, five reception rooms, six bedrooms, three bathrooms and a conservatory. BRIDGNORTH OFFICE

OFFERS AROUND £675,000

**THE ELMS, EARDINGTON
BRIDGNORTH**



An extremely desirable detached residence for both its location and spacious designed living accommodation. Internally the property comprises three reception rooms, kitchen, dining area, conservatory, laundry, two ground floor double bedrooms and bathroom. To the first floor and two bedrooms, en-suite and a house bathroom. Outside are surrounding gardens and paddocks extending to approximately 3.5 acres with detached stable block. BRIDGNORTH OFFICE

OFFERS AROUND £625,000

**CAMP COTTAGE, GREENSFORD
KINGSWINFORD**



An impressive detached modern property in undulating grounds of around 4 acres with views over surrounding countryside. The privately positioned substantial house offers good sized accommodation with a large basement area that could be converted (subject to local authority building regulations) into further living or self contained accommodation. Greensford gives ideal commuting access, yet lies in beautiful countryside. WOMBOURNE OFFICE

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OPPORTUNITY Derelict farmhouse in this lovely semi-rural setting near Claverley, with over five and a half acres of paddock land and numerous farm buildings. Previously used for livestock farming, this smallholding presents a development opportunity to renovate a cottage with a current approximate floor area of over 1200sqft. Adjacent gardens, farmyard and paddocks. BRIDGNORTH OFFICE

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**TINKERS REST, 23 TINKERS CASTLE
ROAD, SEISDON**



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OFFERS AROUND £425,000

**PLOT 1, 2A LOVE LANE
BRIDGNORTH**



BRAND NEW detached bungalow in one of Bridgnorth's most sought after residential locations. Convenient for the market towns facilities, the three bedroom highly specified accommodation includes hall, guest WC, living room with full fold back doors, high quality kitchen with breakfast area, utility, master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms and bathroom. Garage and gardens with parking. BRIDGNORTH OFFICE

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**STABLE COURTYARD, WINNALL COURT
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Set within this exclusive development of barn conversions, Stable Courtyard offers well presented accommodation throughout comprising entrance hall, breakfast kitchen, sitting room, two double bedrooms and bathroom. Private enclosed courtyard garden to the front and a large landscaped garden to the rear with far reaching views across the Shropshire countryside. Parking and garage. NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIDGNORTH OFFICE

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**24 DANESBROOK
CLAVERLEY**



A beautifully presented three bedroom mews house located in this picturesque village, offers modern family accommodation comprising entrance hall, cloakroom/WC, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, two first floor bedrooms, one with en-suite and a family bathroom. Second floor master bedroom with en-suite shower room. Garden to the rear with views, single garage and parking. BRIDGNORTH OFFICE

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**1C ST MARYS LANE
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97 Lots to include properties on behalf of:



Lot 1:	Hawthorn House, 58-60 Hamstead Hall Road, Handsworth Wood	Residential Vacant
Lot 2:	8 Stuarts Road, Stechford	Commercial Vacant
Lot 3:	96 Bottetort Road, Weoley Castle	Residential Vacant
Lot 4:	10 Hill Bank Road, Kings Norton	Residential Vacant
Lot 5:	Site of Palmerscroft, 31 Bromford Road, Hodge Hill	Land
Lot 6:	37 Caversham Road, Kingstanding	Residential Vacant
Lot 7:	44 Francis Road, Acocks Green	Residential Vacant
Lot 8:	Lytleton House, 1 Ormond Road, Rubery	Commercial Vacant
Lot 9:	Beechenhurst, 10 Serpentine Road, Selly Park	Commercial Vacant
Lot 10:	26 & 58 Springfield Crescent & 35 Wimbourne Road, Walmley	Ground Rents
Lot 11:	Sutton Coldfield	Ground Rents
Lot 12:	28, 32, 36, 37 & 38 Stephens Road, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield	Ground Rents
Lot 13:	5, 13, 24, 26, 28, 29, 36, 41 & 63 Abingdon Road, Netherton, Dudley	Ground Rents
Lot 14:	8, 12, 19, 21 & 25 Lombard Avenue, & 2 Matlock Close, Netherton, Dudley	Ground Rents
Lot 15:	28 Roughley Drive, Sutton Coldfield, 9 Fotherley Brook Road & 79, 84 & 96 Hallcroft Way, Aldridge, Walsall	Ground Rents
Lot 16:	11, 14, 17, 25 & 30 Fairbourne Avenue, Rowley Regis	Ground Rents
Lot 17:	29 Loxley Avenue, Shirley & 9 Somery Road, Selly Oak	Ground Rents
Lot 18:	35, 37, 41, 43 & 45 Ullswater Close, Quinton	Ground Rents
Lot 19:	82 Bedford Road, Bootle, Merseyside	Ground Rents
Lot 20:	67 King Street, Southport, Merseyside	Ground Rents
Lot 21:	9, 11, 14 & 16 Derwent Close, Streetly, 2, 4, 6 & 8 Orchard Grove, Aldridge, 54, 56, 58 & 60 Weston Crescent, Aldridge, 67 & 69 Coniston Road, Streetly & 29 & 31 Lindrosa Road, Streetly	Ground Rents
Lot 22:	The Lordship of Bericote	Title
Lot 23:	Garages 19 & 54 off Magnolia Way & Crystal Avenue, Ambicote, 'Stourbridge'	Garages
Lot 24:	The Stores, 13 Broad Street, New Radnor, Presteigne, Powys	Residential Vacant
Lot 25:	Stuart House, Vale Pitts Road, Garretts Green	Commercial Investment
Lot 26:	One Stop, Elmore Lane, Rugeley	Commercial Investment
Lot 27:	23 Crowther Street, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 28:	62 Tyndale Crescent, Great Barr	Residential Vacant
Lot 29:	The Old Rectory, The Coach House & The Old Barn, Shawbury Lane, Church End, Shusstone, Warks.	Residential Vacant

Lot 30:	43 Flaxhall Street, Alumwell, Walsall	SOLD PRIOR
Lot 31:	15 Mount Pleasant, Bilston	Commercial Vacant
Lot 32:	215 Streely Road, Erdington	Commercial Investment
Lot 33:	6 John Street, West Bromwich	Residential Vacant
Lot 34:	Strategic Land off St Brades Close, Oldbury	Land
Lot 35:	Strategic Land Adj. Former Quarry Site to the South of St Brades Close, Oldbury	Land
Lot 36:	Maybrook House, Queensway, Halesowen	Commercial Part Vacant/Part Investment
Lot 37:	Land off Ravenhurst Road & Garden Land at 146 Ravenhurst Road, Moor Pool, Harborne (Site A)	Land
Lot 38:	Land off Ravenhurst Road & Garden Land at 146 Ravenhurst Road, Moor Pool, Harborne (Site C)	Land
Lot 39:	Land at Wentworth Gate, Moor Pool, Harborne (Site E)	Land
Lot 40:	17 Lingfield Avenue, Great Barr	Residential Vacant
Lot 41:	18 Carlton Avenue, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 42:	360 Moseley Road, Highgate	Commercial Vacant
Lot 43:	127 Portland Road, Edgbaston	Commercial Vacant
Lot 44:	107 Cadman Crescent, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 45:	52/53 Hertford Street, Coventry	Commercial Vacant
Lot 46:	43 Hargreaves Street, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 47:	77 Pargeter Street, Walsall	Residential Vacant
Lot 48:	67 Rowood Drive, Solihull	Commercial Investment
Lot 49:	34 Sneyd Hall Road, Blaxhull, Walsall	Residential Vacant
Lot 50:	30 Richard Williams Road, Wednesbury	Residential Vacant
Lot 51:	48 Tame Road, Witton	Residential Vacant
Lot 52:	47a: 4 Upper Ettingshall Road, Bilston	Residential Vacant
Lot 53:	47b: 8 Upper Ettingshall Road, Bilston	Residential Vacant
Lot 54:	47c: 8 Upper Ettingshall Road, Bilston	Residential Vacant
Lot 55:	47d: 12 Upper Ettingshall Road, Bilston	Residential Vacant
Lot 56:	47e: 14 Upper Ettingshall Road, Bilston	Residential Vacant
Lot 57:	47f: 268 Harborne Park Road, Harborne	Residential Vacant
Lot 58:	221 Grange Road, Kings Heath	SOLD PRIOR
Lot 59:	36 Somers Road, Erdington	Residential Vacant
Lot 60:	5 Foster Avenue, Cosely	Residential Vacant
Lot 61:	19 Lime Grove, Henshaw Road, Small Heath	Residential Vacant

Lot 62:	194 Tile Cross Road, Kitts Green	Residential Vacant
Lot 63:	82 High Street, Stourbridge	Commercial Vacant
Lot 64:	1 Hewell Avenue, Chardford, Bromsgrove	Residential Vacant
Lot 65:	202 Bournville Lane, Bournville	Residential Vacant
Lot 66:	7 Langley Road, Small Heath	Commercial Part Vacant/Part Investment
Lot 67:	5 The Cedars, Yardley	Residential Vacant
Lot 68:	835 Chester Road, Erdington	Residential Vacant
Lot 69:	774 College Road, Kingsland	Commercial/Residential Investment
Lot 70:	Flats 2-24 Brefford Road, Coventry	Residential Vacant
Lot 71:	197 Kitts Green Road, Kitts Green	Residential Vacant
Lot 72:	Land off Larned Lane, Shifnal, Shropshire	Land
Lot 73:	3 Atlantic Court, Chesapeake, Willenhall	Residential Investment
Lot 74:	76 Church Road, Aston	Commercial Investment
Lot 75:	Agricultural Land Between Parsons Lane & Chadwick Lane, Hartlebury, Worcs.	Land
Lot 76:	Agricultural Land to the East of the A449, Hartlebury, Worcs.	Land
Lot 77:	196 Birmingham New Road, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 78:	83 Holly Road, Handsworth	Residential Vacant
Lot 79:	1 Harrison Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield	Residential Vacant
Lot 80:	76 Seymour Close, Toller End, Coventry	Residential Vacant
Lot 81:	722 Bilston Street, Sedgley, Dudley	Commercial Vacant
Lot 82:	59 Hawthorne Road, Tipton	Residential Vacant
Lot 83:	41 Heathfield Road, Handsworth	Residential Vacant
Lot 84:	51 Roseville Precinct, Cosely	Residential Vacant
Lot 85:	61 Brook Lane, Kings Heath	Residential Vacant
Lot 86:	22 High Street, Brookmoor	Residential Vacant
Lot 87:	5 Short Street, Halesowen	Residential Investment
Lot 88:	10 Farnham Road, Handsworth	Residential Vacant
Lot 89:	182 Essington Road, Essington, Wolverhampton	Residential Vacant
Lot 90:	207 Priory Road, Hall Green	Residential Vacant
Lot 91:	3 Orchard Road, Erdington	Residential Vacant
Lot 92:	26 Weatheroak Road, Sparkhill	Residential Vacant
Lot 93:	10 Corfe Road, Hurst Hill, Cosely	Residential Vacant
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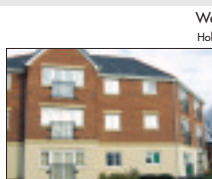


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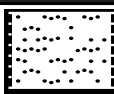
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NEWS



Darren Andrew, sales manager of Warwickshire, left, and Paul Wilson UK Sports Director of Abacus Lighting with the new CB40 one-day shirt

New deal will light up Edgbaston

Warwickshire have signed up floodlight experts Abacus Lighting as sponsors for the club's CB40 one-day shirt.

The logo of Midlands-based Abacus Lighting will be added to the non-leading arm of the first team players' shirts.

The firm is behind five new 'e' shaped floodlights at Edgbaston, installed as part of the ground's £32m redevelopment which is due to be unveiled later this month.

The lights have been designed to reduce glare for fielders under steeping high catches and cut

overspill into neighbouring houses. The floodlights will get their first outing of the season when the Bears host Leicester on July 15.

Darren Andrew, the Bears' sales manager, said: "Abacus already has an impressive track record in providing lighting to cricket both in the UK and abroad and have done a brilliant job of installing the new flood lighting at Edgbaston."

"They have been extremely supportive of all aspects of our new ground redevelopment and we are delighted to have them on board as

part of our shirt sponsors."

Paul Wilson, UK Sports Director at Abacus Lighting, added: "It is tremendous that our company has played a major role in the development of these world class facilities."

"Our partnership has already worked well for both parties and I am delighted we are actively involved in supporting Warwickshire."

The new-look Edgbaston hosts its first international from August 10 when England face India in the third Test of their four-match series.

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FOOTBALL

Glassboys friendly

Stourbridge Football Club welcomes npower League Two side Cheltenham Town to the War Memorial Athletic Ground on Tuesday July 12, kick-off 7.45pm.

The Robins are expected to bring their first team squad for this friendly match with their recent signing, Wordsley born Russell Penn, the former Kidderminster Harriers and Burton Albion midfielder included.

To encourage supporters to come along and enjoy a rare chance to see the Glassboys play a pre-season friendly at Amblecote, admission charges have been priced at £5 for adults and £3 senior citizens/juniors.

Children under 12 and accompanied by a paying adult will be admitted free.

A programme will also be on sale on the night.

The match will be sponsored by Mercedes Benz Commercial Vehicle dealer Mudie Bond, Kidderminster.

CRICKET

Old Hill lacking attack against Attock players

Saturday July 2
OLD HILL (8 POINTS) 200-9 DREW WITH
ATTOCK (16 POINTS) 245-8.

The 1stXI played hosts to Attock at Haden Hill on a perfect summer's afternoon before a large expectant crowd.

However, after the euphoria of last weekend's successes they turned in a below par performance against the revitalised visitors.

Having won the toss, Old Hill chose to field and Ed Denham took the first wicket before a run had been scored but then partnerships of 84 and 104 between centurion Q Zaman (106) and first J Khan (39) and then A Mahmood (42) took Attock to 193 - 3 before a flurry of five wickets for 25 runs left the visitors struggling to post a commanding total.

However, a late rally took the score to 245-8 wickets off their 55 overs with Zafran Ali (3-58) and Nigel Davenport (2-69) the pick of the home bowlers.

Old Hill's reply started well enough as Dan Cox (11), Nitesh Patel (27) and Mike Hingley (43) took the hosts to 93-1 before the unfortunate Hingley received a nasty blow on the foot, disturbing his concentration, to be caught at mid-on immediately after the injury.

Old Hill then struggled to push on against a mixture of hostile fast and spin bowling finding themselves staring defeat in the face with the last pair at the wicket and 10 overs remaining but with some resolute and sensible batting by last pair Zafran Ali (15 not out) and Sharkey Hussain (5no) they weathered the storm to salvage a draw.

HARBORNE (2 POINTS) 163 LOST TO OLD HILL (20 POINTS) 166-2 BY 8 WICKETS.

The 2ndXI made the short trip to Old Church Avenue for their game against Harborne and having won the toss chose to field and were soon amongst the wickets as frontline bowlers Connor Smith (3-36), Jon Baig (1-35), Dan Such (3-14) and Jared Daniels (2-50) combined to dismiss the home side for 163 in 42 overs.

Old Hill then put together a solid batting performance as in form Dan Wood (106 not out) hit an unbeaten century ably assisted by Joe Thorn (44) as the visitors were victorious in just 31 overs for a superb win by 8 wickets.

CLEOBURY MORTIMER (24 POINTS) 225-7
BEAT OLD HILL (3 POINTS) 123 BY 102 RUNS.

A weakened 3rdXI were no match for Cleobury Mortimer at the Love Lane Ground. Old Hill won the toss and chose to field and the hosts scored 225-7 wickets off their 50 overs.

For the visitors, Nathan Davies took 4-37 off 9 overs and Richard Lloyd 2-54 from his 15 overs were the pick of the

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bowlers. In reply, Old Hill's inexperienced team never got to terms with the task in hand and were bowled out for 123 runs with only Mitch Jeffery (39) showing any resistance as the home side ran out winners by 123 runs.

OLD HILL (24 POINTS) 175-8 BEAT
CLEOBURY MORTIMER (5 POINTS) 170 BY 2 WICKETS.

The Fourth XI played out a roller-coaster game at Wassell Grove against Cleobury Mortimer with many twists and turns before finally coming out on top.

The visitors won the toss and decided to bat but thanks to some top class bowling and fielding by Old Hill, they could only manage a total of 170 runs in 30 overs although they had looked to be in the driving seat at 96-1 off 17 overs.

Pick of the bowlers was Izzy Khan who took 3-7 off 4 overs to add to his four outfield catches, closely followed by Captain Irshad Ahmed who took 2 wickets.

Then, opening the Old Hill batting, Anthony Foster (49) and Izzy Khan (34) shared in an opening stand of 85 in 14 overs before the hosts found themselves with 8 wickets down and still 13 runs needed for victory in spite of a quick-fire 20 from Ahmed.

Then, Lewis Javid (9 not out) and Rob Lloyd saw Old Hill home to a brilliant third consecutive victory and a maximum 24 points.

Sunday July 3
ROMSLEY & HUNNINGTON (0 POINTS) 208
LOST TO OLD HILL (10 POINTS) 209-7 BY 3 WICKETS.

The SundayXI visited Romsley for their Worcester Border League Division 1 game and came away with a win in a hard fought game. Batting first, Romsley scored 208 all out with Dan Jones (4) and Dan Such (3) being the leading wicket-takers for the visitors.

In reply, Joe Thorn (50) got Old Hill off to a good start with a half century but it was then left to Captain Carl Whyte (50 not out) to shepherd the visitors home to victory with his own unbeaten half century and three wickets remaining.

Fixtures: Saturday 9 July

1stXI away at Kenilworth, noon start.

2ndXI at home to Shrewsbury, 12.30pm start.

3rdXI at home to Halesowen, 1.30pm start.

4thXI away at Halesowen, 1.30pm start.

Sunday July 10 Sunday XI at home to Waterford, 2pm start.

Women's XI at home to Five Ways OE start 1pm.

Derek Griffiths

Gymnast volunteer awarded



Rebecca Hammersley, aged 16, with her gold and silver awards for volunteering

A selfless 16-year-old has been awarded for clocking up 200 hours of voluntary work.

Rebecca Hammersley has been a referee and umpire at children's gymnastics clubs and schools across the Dudley borough.

She was taking part in the Step into Sport programme run by the Youth Sport Trust - and was the first out of 12 students at Ridgewood High School in Stourbridge to reach both silver and gold standard.

Rebecca has been volunteering since September at places including Wyre Forest Gym-

nastics School, where she has been helping with coaching since she 11. She has also helped teachers one evening a week at Gig Mill and St James's primary schools.

Rebecca, of Eaton Place, Stourbridge, said: "It's been really good. I love coaching and it's rewarding when the kids learn something new and you can see them enjoying themselves."

Assistant headteacher at Ridgewood, Steve Tivey, said: "We are very proud of her. She has really excelled herself and been very dedicated to volunteering but she's also very academic

TABLE TENNIS

Double Dutch delight in the tennis finals

There was double Dutch success on Sunday as the wheelchair tennis doubles events at the 125th Championships, Wimbledon, came to a close with Maikel Scheffers and Ronald Vink winning their first men's doubles title and Sharon Walraven and Esther Vergeer retaining their ladies' doubles title after coming from 5-2 down in the third and deciding set of their final.

Top seeds Scheffers and Vink managed to reverse the result of the 2009 men's doubles final as they took the last two games of the opening set off French duo Stephane Houdet and Michael Jeremiasz before easing through the second set to secure a 7-5, 6-2 victory and end Houdet and Jeremiasz's hopes of regaining the title.

"It's an amazing feeling to finally be a Wimbledon champion," said Scheffers, who was winning his first title at The Championships, while his doubles partner Vink was winning his third doubles title after previously partnering another Dutchman, Robin Ammerlaan, to back-to-back victories in 2007 and 2008.

Defending

Scheffers and Vink knocked defending champions Ammerlaan and Stefan Olsson of Sweden out with a 6-0, 6-3 victory in Saturday's semi-finals and Scheffers admitted it was the perfect platform for Sunday's final.

The women's doubles final was an enthralling contest that began with top seeds Vergeer and Walraven missing game points to take a 4-2 lead, but they finally moved ahead by a clear break at 5-3 and maintained their advantage to take the set.

Lucy Shuker and Jordanne Whitley, the first all-British pairing to contest the ladies' wheelchair tennis doubles at Wimbledon, ended their campaign in fourth place after a 3-6, 6-7(8) loss to Marjolien Buis of the Netherlands and Annick Sevenans of Belgium.

Shuker and Whitley slipped 1-4 down in the first set, but held a 3-0 second set lead before their opponents came back with the kind of tennis that had seen them take Vergeer and Walraven to three sets in Friday's semi-finals. However, Shuker and Whitley managed to take the set to a tie-break, fending off a series of match points and saving set points of their own before their opponents wrapped up victory. Ammerlaan and Olsson ended on a winning note as they took third place with a 6-3, 6-3 victory.

BOXING

Ice-cool Aston keeps perfect start as a pro

Ice-cool Ryan Aston cheered British fight fans at the biggest boxing show of the year in Hamburg at the weekend.

The Dudley middleweight continued a perfect start to his pro career with a four-round points win over Bulgarian Zuhari Muatichiev that came seven days after victory on his paid debut.

Aston's win was the opening fight of the show topped by David Haye's heavyweight unification battle with Wladimir Klitschko and the Intech Arena was slowly filling with fans when the Black Country prospect ducked between the ropes.

Aston, part of the Haymaker promotional stable, has much to look forward to.

His next fight is pencilled in for Friday, September 23 at Tower Ballrooms in Edgbaston when the southpaw will be looking to build on a polished start to his professional career.

Aston, a former England amateur international, said: "It was such a great experience for me to box on such a big show. It's given me a taste of where I want to be."

Aston looks destined for a fine professional career. Muatichiev, a 37 year old, had won his previous fight and in a trip to Britain, had extended highly-regarded former ABA champion Liam Cameron the distance.

Aston, so relaxed and loose around the shoulders, handled him with ease. He moved smoothly up and down the gears, disguising his punches well and punishing the Bulgarian to body and head and was close to forcing a stoppage in the third round.

Ryan Aston's cousin, Josh, was a winner on Saturday but the Midlands team were overrun by their counterparts in Gibraltar.

Light flyweight Aston, took a unanimous points decision against Tyrone Buttigieg in the British overseas territory.

RUGBY

Summer break over as ladies back in training



Stourbridge Ladies are back in training

Holiday season is well and truly over for Stourbridge Ladies Rugby Team who are back in training from Wednesday July 13.

Following a convincing win of the National Challenge Midlands 2 league, the team were promoted for the first time to National Challenge Midlands 1 finishing a credible fifth seeing off teams such as Oxford, Longton and Lutterworth.

Head Coach Bill Webb said "Last season was a huge learning curve for us and the experience gained puts us in a good position for the coming season."

"There are some tough teams to beat including local rivals Worcester, however we are confident that working hard on improving our fitness, core skill and set

pieces will see us a serious contender in a push for promotion."

Stourbridge take to the pitch at Stourton Park, Stourbridge for their first home match of the season on Saturday October 9 at 2.00pm against Worcester Ladies II.

New players are always welcome whether experienced or complete novices. Training takes place at 7pm Wednesday nights at Stourbridge Rugby Club, Stourton Park, Stourbridge.

Teams in National Challenge 1 Midlands include Worcester II, Leamington Spa, Loughborough, Eccleshall, Chesterfield, Longton and Lutterworth.

Contact Bill Webb on 07736 406917 for more details.

NEWS

Summer swim lessons on offer

Swimming lessons are to be run at Halesowen Leisure Centre, Pool Road, for beginners of all ages over the summer.

Adult and toddler splash sessions for children aged four months to four years are every Wednesday from 10.30 to 11.30am and Friday from 11am until noon, with each session costing £4.50 per child.

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X Factor winner at Bully's party

X Factor 2008 winner Alexandra Burke will do a special performance to mark the first birthday of the Steve Bull Foundation.

The party will be staged on August 19 at the ICC in Birmingham. Alexandra will be

performing her hit songs from her multiple platinum selling debut album Overcome.

Wolves Legend and Founder, Steve Bull said: "The Foundation has now been working hard for a year and we

felt it was important to acknowledge and celebrate what has been achieved so far."

Tables are still available. For more information call 0844 372 2491 or visit www.thestevebullfoundation.co.uk.

Heathens manage to claw back pride at Monmore



Kyle Newman leads Tony Atkin and Darryl Richings at Monmore Green

Report by Tim Hamblin

DUDLEY HEATHENS 47 STOKE 43 (STOKE WIN 105-79 ON AGGREGATE)

The dazzling sun which bathed Monmore Green did not shine too brightly on Dudley's already grey hopes of reaching the Knockout Cup final.

So fierce was the illumination that Tom Perry fell on the fourth bend in heat three after being temporarily blinded – and teammate Danny Stoneman nearly did the same in the next race.

The danger meant a 10-minute break was taken before heat eight.

By that time the sun had well and truly set on the Heathens' chances with 5-1s needed in each and every one of the last eight races to force an

aggregate draw. That faint hope was promptly snuffed out by another Potters 5-1, although Richard Franklin failed by a whisker to get up on the line and deny James Sarjeant second place behind Jaimie Pickard.

Simon Lambert, winner of the Golden Hammer last year, is a known force at Monmore and formed a formidable pairing with the excellent Pickard.

Victory

With solid backing from reserve Sarjeant – a 2010 Heathen – the Potters always looked likely to convert their 30-point advantage from the first leg into overall victory.

They even led twice by six on the night before Dudley hit back to maintain their unbeaten home record in 2011.

Kyle Newman was their mainstay, defeating Lambert twice out of three including a humdinger in heat 10.

The Dudley man had a fractional

advantage down the first lap back straight and converted it into a solid lead with a finely controlled turn.

But Lambert, despite a heavy tumble in the first running when hitting the fallen Pickard, gave chase and rounded his man before Newman's superb inside pass on the pits turn appeared decisive.

Even then Lambert waded back into the fray, powering up the inside off the final turn and falling short by the slightest of margins.

Dudley had a two-point lead going into the last and Newman, again hotly pursued by Lambert, took the win with Ashley Morris third to leave both sets of supporters happy.

Dudley: K Newman 14, A Morris 7, J Armstrong 6+2, T Perry 6+1, R Franklin 6, D Ritchings 4+1, D Stoneman 4

Stoke: S Lambert 12+1, T Atkin 9, J Pickard 8+1, J Sarjeant 8+1, G Isherwood 4+2, T Webster 1, B Reade 1.



Ashley Morris leads Gareth Isherwood in the Knockout Cup showdown

Dudley sign up two new youngsters



Brendan Johnson



Adam Portwood

Table-topping Dudley have shuffled the pack with two new signings, *writes Tim Hamblin*.

Brendan Johnson and Adam Portwood – who was 16 last week – come in to replace injury victim Richard Franklin and reserve Danny Stoneman, who is being released.

Franklin has a torn knee ligament, an injury he exacerbated in the recent defeat at King's Lynn, said club chairman Nigel Pearson.

"He has been carrying the effects of it all season," added Pearson. "Doctors have advised him to have surgery immediately and he will be out of action for six weeks at least."

Nineteen-year-old Johnson forms one of speedway's more heart-warming stories. He suffered horrific injuries in a crash at the Isle of Wight in 2009 which left him in an induced coma on life-support systems. Yet a year later he was British under-18 champion!

Johnson, who reached the British under-21 final this season, switches from the Isle of Wight and will make his Heathens debut there against his old club last week.

Portwood finished third in last year's British under-15 championship and was signed by Mildenhall earlier this month only to lose his place when Aussie hotshot Cameron Heaps finally obtained clearance to ride in this country.

Heathens team boss Will Pottinger said: "Richard's injury is a blow. He was hoping to put the operation off until the end of the season."

"We have been very fortunate to have Brendan on board so quickly, we were thinking about him during the winter."

"The management also decided to cast an eye towards the future with Adam Portwood. We have to start looking at working with our own riders rather than trying to find riders from elsewhere."

"We wish Danny Stoneman all the very best and hope he gets fixed up as soon as possible."

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their stroke play timed perfectly. Bradley started the short burst of entertainment with four massive sixes in his quick fire 54.

Game played masterly with a not out 55. The 106 partnership between Bradley and Game brought Stour victory in the 27th over by 8 wickets.

ALVECHURCH & HOPWOOD CC 2ND XI (5 POINTS) 221-9, STOURBRIDGE 2ND XI (20 POINTS) 222-4 STOURBRIDGE WIN BY 10 WICKETS

Stourbridge 2nd XI match against Alvechurch and Hopwood second XI was well worth the journey for the 20 points.

Stour Skipper Irfan Feraz chose to field and led his team to victory by six wickets.

Hopwood openers Steven Hamblin and Mike Gilmour were both sent back to the pavilion for ducks. The middle order kept Hopwood in the game taking the score to 221. James Sidaway (54) and C. Pearson (53) repaired the early damage supported by Ryan Spink's 32.

The double century total was surpassed by Stour's strong batting line up in the 39th over. Paceman James Winders anchored the innings with 56 not out, the prolific young star Ben Mantom once again in the runs taking his score to 51, spinner James Wood showed his batting prowess hitting 69.

Stour got home four wickets down. Stour 2nd XI are placed third in second division of the Worcestershire league 31 points behind the leaders Pedmore.

HANLEY CASTLE & UPTON 1ST XI (24 POINTS) 118-0, STOURBRIDGE 3RD XI (0 POINT) 116, HANLEY CASTLE UPTON WIN BY 148 RUNS

Stourbridge 3rd XI were up against Hanley Castle & Upton 1st XI and lost badly after being bowled out for 116 in the 39th over as skipper Daniel De Saules decided to bat first. Jordan Brooks (25) and 15-year-old Callum Litster (36) put up some resistance.

Barton Matthews helped himself to 3 wickets with the rest taking two apiece. Opposition openers Rory Matthews (46) and Will St Leger-Chambers (70) needed no support to grab the 10 wicket victory in just 15 overs.

STOURBRIDGE 4TH XI (4 POINTS) 63 HANLEY CASTLE & UPTON 2ND XI (24 POINTS) 211 HANLEY CASTLE & UPTON WIN

Stour 4th XI took on Hanley & Upton second XI and suffered the same blow as their counterparts the 3rd XI. Fielding first skipper Alex Dent praised the bowling of under 16 year old Heran Patel keeping an immaculate line and length.

Patel ended up with taking three wickets for 28 runs off 12 overs. Patel's effort did not stop the opposition scampering to 211 thanks to a tail ender's inning of 74 from Mark Arnott. Worse was to follow for the Stour youngsters as they were skittled out for 63 off 25 overs.

Points record in sight

STOURBRIDGE have lost once and stand 36 points clear at the summit, on course for a fantastic new points record.

This week the Division One leaders thrashed a side with two former international players by eight wickets. Sir Lankan batsman Dinusha Fernando, who had scored two centuries in his past two matches, made just eight at Bromyard slumped to 93-8 and 137 all out.

A weakened Worcester Nomads side were held at home to Pedmore, clinging on with one wicket left after the visitors made 228-7. Pershore jumped above Nomads to claim second place in the league's halfway point with victory over Oldswinford, thanks chiefly to Liam Ridings' 136.

Astwood Bank thrashed Bewdley, Worcester beat Romsley and Droitwich overcame Redditch in the other matches.

These results essentially ensured that two out of Bewdley, Redditch and Romsley will be relegated.

In Division Two the lead changed hands for the fifth week running as Coombs Wood returned from Monmouth with maximum points. Hagley could only manage a winning draw at home to Belbroughton despite posting 357-6.

Belbroughton came up just five runs short of Hagley's total, also for the loss of six wickets, after Tom Oliver (141) and Matt Spells (98) registered an opening partnership of 257. Colwall slipped up to Malvern by three runs and Burghill beat Nether-ton. Wormelow and Kidderminster drew and Feckenham won by one wicket off the last ball of their match at home to Dominies in the 51st over.

Division Three sees Rushwick even more dominant than Division One's Stourbridge, having stretched their lead to 45 points.

Stourport sent the Old Vigornians back to school to take third spot, while Harborne and Chaddesley beat Himbleton and Lye respectively. Cookley achieved the result of the day, knocking off 312 to beat Harvington thanks to Mitch Taylor's 127.

In Division Four the top four teams all won so Social are still 14 ahead of Tenbury, themselves now a single point better off than Alveley who are 13 ahead of Brintons.

Division Five saw Bromsgrove's lead over Halesowen shrink by four points but Old Hill slipped to third following defeat at Cleobury Mortimer. Ross beat Claverley by 10 wickets and Hanley Castle were also 10 wicket winners over Stourbridge.

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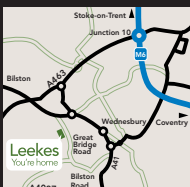
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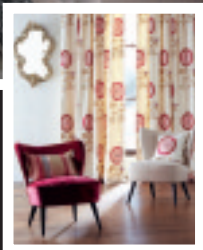
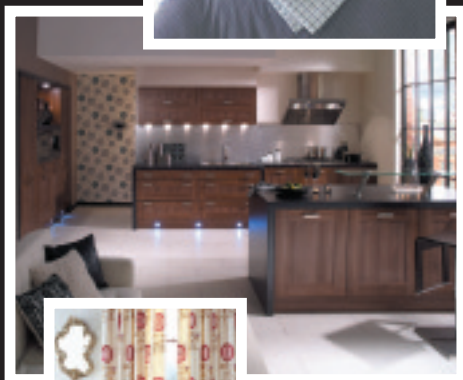
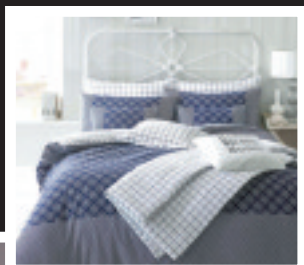
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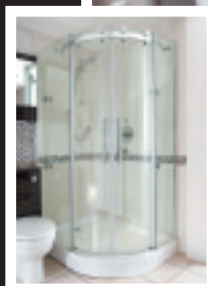
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